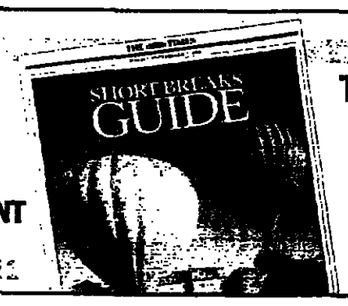
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'Major lapse' forces resignation

Church faces celibacy row as bishop goes

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A NEW crisis over celibacy threatened the stability of the Roman Catholic Church last night after the resignation of the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, who is believed to be in hiding with the woman he loves.

The Right Rev Roderick Wright quit during an emotional meeting with the leader of Scotland's Roman Catholics, who told him that he could remain a priest only if he gave up his longstanding friendship with Kathleen Macphee, a divorced mother of three. The two disappeared last Monday.

The Archbishop of Glasgow, Cardinal Thomas Winning, said yesterday that Bishop Wright had been guilty of a major lapse and did not appear to realise the trauma that he had caused others. But if someone had fallen, it did not mean that they could not be penitent and Cardinal Winning hoped that he would continue his ministry. "I think in his heart of hearts, that is what he has to do."

The Cardinal's unbending line, while in strict accordance with Catholic law, is unlikely to go down well in a church where growing numbers of bishops, priests and laity are concerned that the celibacy rule is robbing them of hundreds of good priests and pastors. Many, while unwilling to say so in public, believe that change is essential.

Celibacy has been a requirement of the Latin church since the 11th century and was a tradition long before then. But the pressure for change is growing with about a hundred married former Anglican clergy expected to be ordained into the Catholic church in the coming months. In spite of the apparent double standards, the church still demands celibacy of priests who start with it from scratch.

Now, many people believe that Bishop Wright's resignation will add to the pressure on the Pope, who is facing serious difficulties in Africa and Latin America, where many priests live openly with their mistresses and the chief difficulty when appointing bishops is to find a priest without a common-law wife.



In fact, Bishop Wright has not broken canon law, since the technical meaning of celibacy is to be unmarried. However, priests are enjoined not to cause scandal, so he had no choice but to resign. In his letter to the Pope, Bishop Wright expressed his wish to remain a committed member of the church, but said: "I am physically and spiritually unable to sustain the responsibilities of a diocesan bishop and ask to be released of my responsibilities."

Bishop Wright, 55, made his decision after disappearing from his Oban home at the same time as Mrs Macphee, 40, left her house in Fort William. And yesterday, Cardinal Winning described the "very emotional" hour-long meeting in Glasgow on Sunday night when it was agreed that the bishop should resign.

"He was insistent on expressing his deep sorrow, regret and hurt caused by his sudden disappearance. I think that the man has been under terrible strain for months, if not years, and having lost a very close sister in the last few months, he was at the end of his tether. He insisted on resigning."

Cardinal Winning had not asked whether the bishop's relationship with Mrs Macphee had been a sexual one. "He has had a longstanding friendship with this lady. You don't need to ask all the questions — you can answer some of them."

He added: "I was not aware of his Achilles heel, his weak spot. But he is a good man and generous enough to give his life to the church. Here we are regretting a major lapse and it is sad. But the church is bigger than that and it survives."

The resignation must be formally accepted by the Pope before the search for a replacement can begin.

Friends' sorrow, page 2

PETER NICHOLLS



Anna Ford yesterday after Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, accused her of extreme rudeness, aggression and open hostility to the Chancellor

Furious Tories blame BBC for Clarke blunder

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Conservative Party accused Anna Ford, the *Today* programme presenter, of "a disgraceful lapse from impartiality" in an interview with Kenneth Clarke yesterday which was abruptly ended by the Chancellor.

It lodged a complaint with the BBC alleging that Ms Ford had been extremely rude in an early morning radio confrontation. Brian Mawhinney, the Tory Party Chairman, wrote to John Birt, the BBC Director General, that Mr Clarke had been unable to get his point across because Ms Ford had been so aggressive. He complained that she had been openly hostile and had repeatedly interrupted the Chancellor, who was not given the chance to develop his points.

The Labour leadership contended that Dr Mawhinney was upset because Ms Ford had persuaded Mr Clarke to admit that the Labour Party was no longer the threat it once was. In so doing he had torpedoed the Tories' central election strategy.

The Chancellor made his blunder when he was asked by Ms Ford if he was pleased that Labour seemed to be changing. He replied: "I am pleased that Labour is not such a threat to the national interest. When we used to have, for instance, Michael Foot leading the party it was a very, very serious threat to this country." Mr Clarke's candid admission appeared to go flatly against the Tories' "demon eyes" campaign theme of "New Labour, New Danger". It also contradicted Dr Mawhinney's carefully orchestrated pre-election campaign which aims to show that New Labour means: "new danger in every aspect of people's lives".

Only an hour before the interview Dr Mawhinney had been with the Chancellor launching the latest Tory poster. It featured the Labour demon eyes looking down at the figure of £700 and a Labour hand reaching out to grab the money. At the foot of the poster a caption read: "This year the average family has £700 more spending money, after tax and inflation, than at the last election."

During the interview, Ms Ford asked Mr Clarke if he

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Clarke: Labour "not such a threat" as it once was

Prince to take on more duties

The Prince of Wales will take over an increasing number of official duties from the Queen but he must face his public role without Camilla Parker Bowles.

Members of the Royal Family gathered at Balmoral for a twice-yearly planning meeting. The hope is that the Prince will now shoulder more of the burden currently borne by the Queen.... Page 2

Clinton backs off

As an aircraft carrier battle group arrived in the Red Sea and squadrons of fighters and Stealth bombers sat on the tarmac at a Kuwait base President Clinton backed away from bellicose pronouncements and said that America had sought no confrontation with Iraq.. Page 10

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Hogg poised to cut cull if 'hopeless' mission fails

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE Florence deal for an end to the British beef ban seemed shakier than ever last night after EU ministers told Britain it must stick to a slaughter programme and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, voiced doubts on Europe's intention to keep its word on easing the embargo.

Farm ministers delivered an uncompromising message to Mr Hogg as he prepared to try to win them over to Britain's belief, based on new evidence, that a far-reaching cull would have little impact on the speed or eradication of mad cow disease.

Ivan Yates, the Irish minister and chairman of the EU farm council, said Britain's commitment to cull more than 100,000 cattle was part of the Florence accord. Depicting himself as an honest broker between Britain and the other EU states, Mr Yates said there were prospects for easing the ban on grass-fed herds, certified free of BSE, provided that Britain met its slaughter obligations. His stand was backed by Jacques Santer, president of the EU Commission. "We don't need headlines every fortnight. We need to stick to agreements," he said.

Mr Hogg fuelled speculation that Britain could adopt its own slaughter policy. The Government, he said, would "have to assess the extent to which European governments are able or willing to rapidly and substantially lift the ban in accordance with the Florence agreement". He noted that Germany, France and other states had imposed their own anti-BSE measures against British beef products in breach of EU decisions.

British official sources indicated that Mr Hogg's near hopeless mission was a last attempt to sway the EU before the Government switches policy, cutting the cull and accepting a long-standing EU ban. Senior EU officials said they were aware that John Major now stood little chance of winning Commons approval for the slaughter plan agreed at Florence.

Facing a wall of resistance from the other EU ministers, Mr Hogg is expected to receive a frosty reception when the British plan comes up for formal discussion today.

Ashdown seeks EU secession right

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

PADDY ASHDOWN today delivers his strongest criticism of the way the European Union operates.

In a move that will be seen as responding to growing fears that his party's pro-Europeanism may deter voters, the Liberal Democrat leader calls on the EU to shake up its priorities, become less fussy and bossy, and to do less while doing it better.

He also becomes the first political leader to suggest that the EU should have a right of voluntary secession, allowing member states to leave if they wish.

Writing in *The Times* Mr Ashdown says: "The governance of the European Union is currently wide, weak and loosely defined, when it ought to be narrow, strong and sharply defined." Mr Ashdown is adamant that his statement of position, drawn up after talks during the summer with the party's spokesman on Europe, Charles Kennedy, does not in any way suggest that he or his party is becoming more Eurosceptic.

The Liberal Democrat leader's article reaffirms the party's support for the single currency and the social chapter. He suggests that if Germany builds a federal core within the EU the "core activities" to be pursued by all member states should be freedoms of movement of people, money, goods and services — the foundations of the single market.

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Scouts pack mobile phone with knives and woggle

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

SCOUTS are to get a new badge to sew on their uniforms alongside those for tying knots and campfire cookery: it will mark their prowess at public relations.

The proficiency badge in PR skills will feature a symbolic mobile telephone, a piece of scouting equipment to rank alongside a penknife and woggle.

The Scout Association admits that the aim is to update the public's perception of the movement from Baden-Powell and Empire. Those wanting to qualify for the badge will be asked to give a presentation about scouting and obtain media coverage about an expedition or activity by preparing a press release. They will also have to produce four editions of a newsletter for their troop, create a visual display for a parents' open evening and arrange a visit to the local newspaper.

The Scout Association, whose motto is "helping young people get the most out of life", said the badge was one of 52 that scouts can work towards. Badges are regularly added or withdrawn.

A spokesman said that modern youth was increasingly acquainted with marketing and promotion techniques and media studies was an accepted part of the college curriculum.

The badge "could be used to update the stereotype people have of scouting which too often means funny hats, shorts and helping grannies across the road", the spokesman said. "This will hopefully give scouting a bit more street credibility."

Richard Branson, head of the Virgin group and a former scout, acknowledged that the movement has an image problem. "It just isn't very hip. There is a public relations challenge on a par with getting the Tory party re-elected."



The new scout badge in public relations skills

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Prince's duties will exclude Parker Bowles

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales will take over an increasing number of official duties from the Queen in future, but he faces life without Camilla Parker Bowles in any of his public roles.

Members of the Royal Family and their senior advisers gathered at Balmoral yesterday for their twice-yearly planning meeting. The hope is that the Prince, freed from the preoccupation of his divorce, will now take a more active role in shouldering more of the burden currently borne by the Queen, who, although in excellent health, is now in her 71st year.

But the Prince has been left in no doubt that his public and official life must exclude Mrs Parker Bowles. Palace sources said last night that the thorny question of the Prince's relationship with the divorcée had not been discussed at yesterday's meeting, but at a preliminary weekend audience with the Queen John Major is thought to have reminded her of the undertaking given to him by the Prince at the beginning of this year that he would keep his relationship with Mrs Parker Bowles a private matter.

The Prince has already begun to take over some official duties from the Queen, including conducting the six extra investitures created each year by Mr Major's overhaul of the honours system. In addition, in pursuit of his own charitable and environmental interests, it was learnt yesterday that the Prince had had a private and unannounced meeting with James Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank, in New York, to discuss how business worldwide could help poor and developing communities.

Yesterday's Balmoral meeting, widely billed as a "summit" but in fact more of a forward planning meeting on home and overseas visits, was attended by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, the Princess Royal, the Duke of York and Prince Edward. Senior Palace officials present included Sir Robert Fellowes and Robin Janvrin, the Queen's principal private secretaries; Commander Richard Aylard, the Prince of Wales's private secretary; the Earl of Airlie, the Lord Chamberlain; and Michael Peat, Keeper of the Privy Purse and the Queen's financial director.

The meeting, known as the Way Ahead Group, is also understood to have discussed an increased public role for the Duke of York when he leaves the Royal Navy next year; a change in the pattern of state visits at home and abroad to make them more informal; and possible further streamlining of royal finances, given increasing parliamentary interest in the way taxpayers' money is spent.

But despite widespread speculation, the meeting did not tackle constitutional matters such as ending the monarch's traditional role as head of the Church of England, changing the 1701 Act of Settlement to allow Roman Catholics to marry into the Royal Family, repealing the 1772 Royal Marriages Act which requires even the most minor royals to seek the Queen's permission to marry, and changing the tradition of male primogeniture which allows a woman to succeed to the throne only if she has no brothers. A Palace spokesman said last night: "The Way Ahead group is conscious of all these issues, but no early decision is contemplated on anything to do with the constitution."

Apart from any other reason, constitutional changes would take up an undue amount of parliamentary time, not only in Britain but in the 15 other Commonwealth countries of which the Queen is head of state, all of which would have to approve the changes. In federal nations such as Australia, changes would have to be approved even by individual state legislatures.

Most of the constitutional reforms under discussion are unlikely to occur until the Prince of Wales ascends the throne.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Solicitors to oppose legal aid reform

More than 5,000 solicitors have signed up to take part in an unprecedented campaign of opposition by the Law Society against the Government's legal aid reforms.

The society has employed Sir Tim Bell's Lowe Bell, public relations consultants, to head the attack.

Solicitors are being urged to help "explode the myths about legal aid" by using media and parliamentary contacts and producing examples of where legal aid has helped people.

A Law Society spokesman said: "At well under one per cent of public expenditure, legal aid represents a bargain for the public."

Man shot dead in Belfast house

A man was shot dead in Belfast yesterday by suspected Republican terrorists. He was shot in the head at least three times after two gunmen burst into a house in the Republican Markets area of the city.

The victim, who was in his early thirties, was visiting a friend when he was shot. A 12-year-old girl is believed to have witnessed the attack.

UK 'is guilty of rights violations'

The United Kingdom is guilty of at least 42 violations of its international human rights obligations, according to a report published yesterday. *The Three Pillars of Liberty*, from the Human Rights Centre at Essex University, says the most serious violations are the lack of privacy laws or comprehensive anti-discrimination laws. The authors blame the lack of a written constitution.

Major rebuked for star turn

John Major was yesterday criticised by the Royal Greenwich Observatory after backing the naming of a star to commemorate the victims of the Dunblane massacre.

Astronomers said he had no right to lend his support because the International Star Registry had no right to name stars. Dr Robin Catchpole, of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, said: "It has no credibility whatsoever."

Housman gains Abbey honour

A. E. Housman gains a place in Poet's Corner at Westminster Abbey today, 60 years after his death and a century after the publication of his collection *A Shropshire Lad*. The late Sir Kingsley Amis, Dame Iris Murdoch and Housman's most famous student, Enoch Powell, are among those who have lobbied for the memorial window. Alan Bennett will read selected works.

Labour will make the good times last, pledges Blair

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR promised last night that a Labour government would aim to make the "good times last" by lowering taxes and enabling people to spend more.

In a substantial economic speech designed to lift Labour above its recent internal problems, Mr Blair said that the party would offer sustainable growth rather than the boom or bust that the Tories had delivered.

Over the past few days Mr Blair has seen relations with trade unions plummet to a new low, with reports that he was considering breaking the union link entirely. Yesterday he said that he had no intention of "dumping" the unions, but made clear that they might have less influence on the party in future. Earlier he backed his frontbencher Kim Howells after he had caused a storm by asking the party to drop the term "socialism".

Speaking to the London International Financial Futures Exchanges last night, Mr Blair tried to put that all behind him as he said that Labour would strive to raise living standards in Britain and make everyone better off.

The party's political opponents portrayed the Labour Party as bunch of "killjoys", always opposing tax cuts and increases in living standards, Mr Blair said. "Nothing could be further from the truth. We want people to consume more. We want high quality public services. We want people to pay lower taxes. But we want this for all our people not simply a few at the top and we want it on a sustainable basis."

The consumer booms followed by deep recessions which the Conservatives had given them were of no interest to new Labour, he said. "We want to make the good times we can deliver last."

Higher living standards required higher productivity, which required more investment, he said. This differed both from the *laissez-faire* approach of the new right and the agenda of the centre-left in the 1960s and 1970s.

Long term investment was crucial to sustained growth of living standards and lasting tax reductions. That could be encouraged by the tax system and by the behaviour of the financial markets, he argued.

Mr Blair admitted that not everything was bad with the current economic situation, and Labour would not jeopardise the fragile recovery. "There are good and welcome success stories. We do not intend to switch the clock back, either on trade unions or the need for a healthy competitive market economy."

"Instead of changing what has worked, let us address that which isn't working and see how we can build a rise in living standards that lasts," he said. "We want to build solid foundations that will enable all our people to consume more and pay lower taxes on a sustainable basis."

Mr Blair made little reference to the turmoil following briefings over the party's links with the unions. But he underlined an change.

"The trade union relationship is being re-cast for the modern day," he said. "There was and is no secret plan to 'dump' unions. But today many more trade unionists are joining as ordinary members of the party, and ordinary party delegates now have the majority of votes at party conference. Business people as well as employees are joining us. There is a process that is not about disowning our past, but refusing to live in it."

The Labour leader said that he personally used the word "socialism" but the "kernel" of Mr Howell's argument was quite correct: "What we have got to be about is the best practical means to deliver a different type of society in Britain today that faces that modern world, that is based absolutely on our values but isn't tied to some outdated form of ideology."

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New party must calm old fears

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

BLAIRISM is capitalism with a conscience — a free-market economy with the state as a friendly uncle. Tony Blair sounds like the very model of a caring company chairman when he speaks to business audiences, as he did last night addressing the City elite at a lecture sponsored by the Corporation of London and LIFFE, the futures exchange. He made Labour seem a solid investment choice for a fashionable ethical fund. There was little about the trade union link with Labour and nothing about socialism (or social-ism, as he prefers to call it).

Instead, we had some catchy sounding Millennium Challenges — in fact, mainstream questions about how to make Britain better off, safe, accountable and strong — which Labour leaders will develop up to and during the party conference in a fortnight. Mr Blair concentrated on the first, how to raise living standards. Mr Blair's answer was a sober mixture of the nostrums of the type of "responsible" businessmen who are now making large donations to Labour. He talked of raising productivity and a government partnership with industry to encourage investment and training.

But in his attempt to win headlines, Mr Blair was tempting fate by saying that Labour wanted people to consume more and pay lower taxes and "to make the good times we can deliver last". Inasmuch as these remarks are any more than vague good intentions, they were contradicted by the tone of the rest of his speech. Consumer spending will have to be constrained if investment is to be increased.

Mr Blair's *real* millennium challenge is to show what Labour would do to change Britain. He is confident in his own mind that a Blair government would have proved its radicalism if in a first term it could reform welfare, improve educational standards, establish a partnership with business, decentralise decisions and achieve a more effective role within Europe.

He is asking the right questions, but will his party allow him to provide the right answers? A good test of "new" Labour's realism will be whether the conference ignores Barbara Castle's appeal to restore the link between retirement pensions and earnings in the annual uprating.

As Harriet Harman has argued, that is the wrong way to help the elderly poor. Cheering an old trouper is not the same as being serious about government. If Labour is really to be business friendly, it cannot afford such self-indulgence only a few months before a general election.

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Kathleen and William MacPhee. The bishop counselled her after their divorce

Bishop's friends respond with sadness and support

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

COLLEAGUES and friends of Roderick Wright expressed sadness and support for the missing bishop after hearing of his resignation last night.

The Rev Roddy Johnston, Deacon at St Columba's Catholic Cathedral in Oban, where the bishop was based, described him as a wise and holy man who genuinely cared for people and who would be a sad loss to the church.

"My reaction is some sadness that he has resigned, but I would wish him every best wish and hope that he finds happiness and some peace," Mr Johnston said.

"I am glad that he is safe. I have known him since he was ordained five years ago when I began training for the ministry. He was a great inspiration. He goes with my love and my support and I hope the parish feels the same."

Mr Johnston last saw the bishop three weeks ago and had had no inkling that he was in any spiritual or emotional distress. He said that the last thing that Bishop Wright would have wanted would be to cause worry to his colleagues, family and parishioners or any trouble for the Church.



Wright: described as sad loss to Church

Rumours about the bishop's relationship with Kathleen MacPhee, the 40-year-old mother-of-three he is believed to be with, were common in Fort William. The two have been close friends for some years after he counselled Mrs MacPhee after her divorce. They were said to have taken holidays together.

Yesterday the blinds were drawn at the semi-detached home in Inverlochy, Fort William, where Mrs McPhee lives with her two younger children. Neighbours said that they had not seen her since last Wednesday and that they wished her and the bishop well.

One man who lives across the road said: "She is a good neighbour and the bishop is a cracking bloke, just an ordinary guy. I have seen him a couple of times. Good luck to them."

Belford Hospital, where Mrs MacPhee has worked as a nurse for two years, said she had not been to work for more than a week. The hospital had not received a letter of resignation or any explanation of her absence.

In the Irish Republic, where Bishop Wright has relatives, there was also sadness at his resignation. In the seaside village of Annagary, Co Donegal, Anne Sharkey, whose late husband was a cousin of the bishop, said: "It is so sad because he is such a nice man. All his relatives in Annagary think very highly of him."

Top cleric left to cope with thorny problem

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE head of Scotland's Roman Catholic hierarchy, Cardinal Thomas Winning, who yesterday announced Bishop Wright's resignation, takes a strong line on sexual ethics. He once accused the Government of hypocrisy for preaching "back to basics" while MPs had affairs and children outside marriage. He said: "An atmosphere of sexual permissiveness has been created by those who rule us."

There was speculation earlier this year that Cardinal Winning, 71, Archbishop of Glasgow since 1974 and created a Cardinal in 1994, was in the running to be the next Pope, causing the bookmaker William Hill to lower the odds on him from 500-1 to 200-1.

The cardinal, the son of a Lanarkshire miner, was criticised two years ago when he accused the Tories of targeting single parents, the unemployed and the disadvantaged. He believes the Church has a duty to speak and said at the time: "Jesus got involved. We must try to change society."

The case of Bishop Wright has convinced many that it is time for the Church to try to change itself as well. Cardinal Winning confronts a situation dreaded by archbishops around the world. While it is not unusual for priests to forsake their calling for love, it is rare for a bishop to do so.

Only one, Jerónimo Podestá of Argentina, has maintained a public profile. He and his wife Clelia attended a congress in Brazil of married priests two months ago.



Winning: was tipped to become next Pope

Angry Tories blame BBC for Clarke blunder

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did not feel "rather silly being made to go and stand in front of these posters continually". She then challenged him: "You are the party who said you were not going to put up taxes and you put up VAT 22 times."

When Mr Clarke tried to interrupt, Ms Ford, saying she was drawing the interview to a close, asked him: "So you are not going to elevate the debate?" Mr Clarke put the phone down.

Ms Ford refused to comment, but BBC journalists said that it was her tough political questioning that had forced a gaffe out of the Chancellor. Reporters on the *Today* programme also made clear privately that it was "ludicrous if Mr Clarke, who is a pretty robust man, could not cope with a little gentle probing by Anna Ford and had to be rescued by Dr Mawhinney". They said that Ms Ford had no private grudge against the Chancellor and was a "total professional", but they accepted that aggressive questioning was a style she used on the programme which she co-presents 30 times a year.

Central Office said that it had been innundated by calls from Conservatives complaining about the programme and that it had taken the "exceptional step" of issuing a formal complaint because Ms Ford's questions looked as though they had come from a Labour "spin doctor". Dr Mawhinney said that, in a subsequent interview, Tony Blair had been treated with "the utmost courtesy".

Lord Archer came to Mr Clarke's defence. He said that he also believed that Labour was no longer the threat to the national interest it once was. "That is an achievement of Margaret Thatcher," he said. "It is not to be muddled up with anything else. She has moved the party to the right."

Ms Ford allowed photographers into her West London garden yesterday where she appeared relaxed and unrepentant. She said she did not know what all the fuss was about.

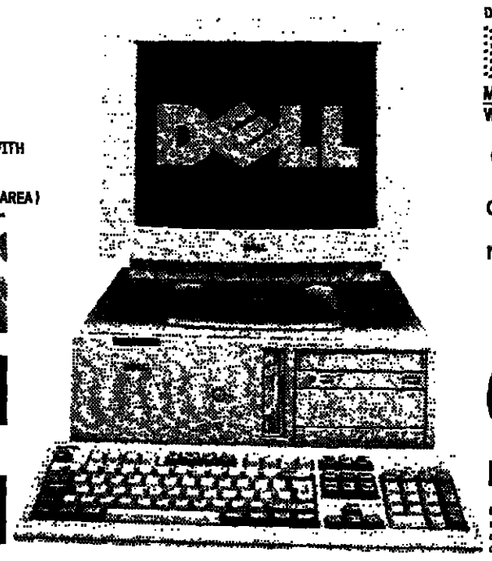
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Champion Hurdler led to safety after suspected arson attack at leading trainer's yard

Four racehorses killed in midnight fire at stables

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent
and Bill Frost

FOUR racehorses died after a suspected arson attack on the stables of Jim Old, one of Britain's leading trainers, yesterday.
Two were killed in the fire, which started just after midnight in an indoor riding barn. The other two died as a result of injuries as they tried to escape.

Forty horses were in the barn at Upper Hurdswick Farm, on the Marlborough Downs near Swindon, and it was only due to the actions of neighbours and stable staff that many of the horses survived the fire.

One of the rescuers was Merrick Francis, son of the author Dick Francis, who helped to save Collier Bay, which won the Champion Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival in March. Mr Francis, who runs a horse transport business, provided a haven for eight thoroughbreds when he arrived from Lambourn with one of his lorries.

He said that he received a call for help at 3am and rushed to the scene with a horsebox. "We were scrambling around in the dark and the cold. It was the desolation on the faces of Jim and his staff that really got to me. We must have walked more than four miles looking for stray horses. It was a thick, black night. You could not see your hand in front of your face."



Francis: rushed to the scene with a horsebox

The blaze was discovered by Brian Simpson, a neighbour, and it took 26 firefighters an hour to bring the flames under control. A Wiltshire fire investigation team spokesman said: "We are treating the fire as being of doubtful origin."

Mr Old, 49, was close to tears when he spoke of the pandemonium as he and a dozen stable lads tried to save the horses. "My staff were quite brilliant," he said. "A few more minutes and it would have been a total disaster. The smoke would have killed the horses.

"We turned the horses out into the paddock, but they were so terrified they bolted. We hung on to eight, including Collier Bay. Merrick came up from Lambourn and they spent the night in his lorry. The rest stayed in the fields or scattered across the downs. They are all back now.

"Two died in the fire, another was killed when galloping through a fence, and two or three have got very bad lacerations. Most of the others have got minor cuts.

"The blaze started in the riding barn and Collier Bay was completely at the opposite end. We had to let the other horses out first and he was one of the last we led to safety."

Although much of the indoor riding school was destroyed, the adjacent stables have not been damaged. Mr Old said he feared that some "crank or lunatic" may have been responsible.

It was a view shared by firemen at the scene who were still damping down burning straw late yesterday afternoon. One said: "There is no electrical power source here that might have started this and, in the absence of that cause, there are only a limited number of other options."

Mr Old moved to the 280-acre six years ago. For several seasons, his horses were afflicted by a virus, but the bad luck which has dogged his career appeared to have relented — until yesterday.

There have been attacks on horses put out to graze locally. However, this would be the first time an arsonist had struck against such valuable animals. Although the stables, near Barbury Castle, are surrounded by high wire fencing, any reasonably agile intruder could climb over the gate to the block beyond.

Mr Old lives at the stables with Anne Marie Dartnall, the estranged wife of a former estate manager at Barbury Castle. Her husband, Victor, left the area 18 months ago and now trains point-to-pointers at South Moulton, Devon. Mr Old's ex-wife, Sally Anne, moved to Cornwall when the couple were divorced about a year ago.



Jim Old, left, and Paul Ferguson, a vet, yesterday. The fire destroyed much of the indoor riding school, below





Collier Bay, the Champion Hurdler, was rescued

'Satanic' multiple rapist given life sentence

By Richard Duce

A MULTIPLE rapist, twice released from prison only to attack women again, was jailed for life yesterday with the recommendation that he serve at least 20 years. The judge said the behaviour of Harry Bannerman, 55, towards his vulnerable victims had verged on the "satanic".

Chelmsford Crown Court was told that Bannerman had been jailed in 1971 for the rape of a nine-year-old and again in 1980 for raping a woman, aged 39, when he moved to Essex and changed his name.

While working at a home for the elderly, he had begun to prowl the grounds of nearby psychiatric hospitals in search of victims. Bannerman, often known to have posed as an army officer, first lured a 67-year-old woman into his car before raping her. Nine months later, armed with a knife, he raped a second victim, aged 53.

Judge Peter Greenwood told Bannerman yesterday: "You are an evil and wicked man — and more importantly you are a danger to the public. You behaved quite atrociously and your conduct was verging on the Satanic."

Bannerman had appeared for sentence yesterday after earlier admitting charges of rape and false imprisonment. He was first jailed in 1971, for raping the nine-year-old and attempting to rape a 12-year-old. He offered both girls 10p to keep them quiet. In 1975, seven months after his release, he was jailed for three years at Exeter Crown Court on a charge of "child stealing". In 1980 he raped a 39-year-old housewife in woods near Manchester. He served eight years.

The 53-year-old woman he raped at knifepoint was a chronic schizophrenic. Eventually police received an anonymous note which led to Bannerman's arrest.

John Whittingdale, Conservative MP for Colchester South and Maldon, said yesterday: "This is exactly the kind of case the proposals for automatic life sentences for rape offenders is designed to address."

Anger over paedophile sentence

By Joanna Bale

A PAEDOPHILE who offered to rape young children for a pornographic video was facing a maximum sentence of two years in jail yesterday, prompting calls for more stringent punishment.

Dennis Hundermark, 49, admitted at the Old Bailey that he came from South Africa to Europe to live out his fantasy of starring in a child sex film. He was caught after he approached an undercover police officer who was posing as a video producer.

Hundermark told the member of Scotland Yard's paedophilia and child pornography unit that he was prepared to rape any child, regardless of age or sex. He was arrested before he could live out his fantasies. He admitted incitement to procure a girl under 21 for sexual intercourse, a charge which carries a maximum two years' jail.

Malcolm Fortune, for the prosecution, told the court that he had been unable to find other offences committed by Hundermark which carried a higher term and described the sentence as inadequate. Hundermark was remanded in custody for reports.

Wendy Toms, of ChildLine, said: "If this is the maximum sentence under existing law, then it needs tightening. We hope new paedophile legislation will deal with offences of this kind."

Mystery attack never happened

By Paul Wilkinson

A LAW lecturer who was accused of beating a girlfriend so badly that she went into a coma was cleared yesterday after medical experts said that she was an undiagnosed epileptic and had probably never been assaulted.

Hugh Stowe, 29, had always denied attacking Joanna Perkins, 28, a fellow lecturer in the law school at Durham University, at the end of a night out in April 1994. She was found collapsed in her university flat two days later.

Yesterday the prosecution offered no evidence on a charge of grievous bodily harm at Durham Crown Court. Christopher Knox, for the prosecution, said: "Joanna Perkins and the defendant had been out together socially. They returned to his flat. Later that night she made her way back to her flat and was found two days later in a coma.

"She was dressed ready for bed but was found on the floor. Precisely how she came to be in that coma was initially difficult to establish but cannot be attributed to this defendant. She was ill for some time. The cause of her condition was the starting point for these proceedings.

"This year the defence disclosed a number of reports from eminent medical advisers. Four doctors, including two professors of neurology, say the illness was not caused by an attack from this defendant. Proceedings for any lesser charge are not justified, partly because of the uncertainty of her memory caused by this illness."

Judge Crawford ordered a verdict of not guilty to be entered and awarded costs to Mr Stowe, who had flown to Britain from his present home in Australia. Mr Stowe, who was accompanied by his father, John, a leading Australian lawyer, refused to comment as he left court.

Miss Perkins, who now lives with her mother in Richmond, Surrey, was not in court. Jon Burrough, her solicitor, said: "My client does not wish to make any comment." She and Mr Stowe both resigned from the university six months after the incident.



Stowe: cleared because woman was epileptic

Royal PC 'hurt driver after crash'

By Michael Horsnell

A ROYALTY protection officer injured a woman by deliberately swinging a car door open after a row following a collision, it was alleged yesterday.

PC Stephen Dunsdon hit Carolyn Verguson on the wrist after swearing at her, Southwark Crown Court was told. He had shown her his warrant card but refused to give his name and number.

Postal worker Miss Verguson said she was afraid of the officer, who was "ranting and raving".

PC Dunsdon, who denies assault occasioning actual bodily harm, was a passenger in a Citroën 2CV driven by his brother, PC Nicholas Dunsdon, who was on his way to work in May last year. The two women were also on their way to work when the collision happened near Tower Hill, London.

Tim Probert-Wood, for the prosecution, said Stephen Dunsdon swore at Mr Thomas and tried to usher Miss Verguson back into the car. After producing his warrant card he became increasingly intimidating, said Mr Probert-Wood.

As the two officers prepared to drive away, Miss Verguson, from Purfleet, Essex, tapped on the passenger window. PC Dunsdon allegedly threw open the passenger door hard, hitting her on the left wrist.

The trial continues today.

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German wine comeback in poor taste

By Jane MacQuitty
Wine Correspondent

ATTEMPTS to prove that there is life beyond Liebfraumilch took a bad turn yesterday with the release of two drier, pricier but still ersatz German wines.

Three years of research by the Deutsches Wine Institut Mainz (DWM) and its UK offshoot, the German Wine Information Service, and up to £1 million has been spent in attempting to make up the declining market for Germany's bestselling sugar-water wine. Sales of sub-£3 Liebfraumilch and its lower quality imitator, £2 Tafelwein Hock, have been ebbing away since the mid-Eighties.

The new Kendermann duo, a harsh, bitter, plastic-layered 1995 dry rivaner, albeit with a spicy, peachy scent, from the Rheinhessen; and the unscented tart, thin 1995 dry riesling from the Pfalz, are expected to go on sale here this winter for £4 to £5, aimed at the booming British mid-market wine sector.

If they are typical of the 13 "selected" German white wines allowed to wear the new Deutsches Weinsiegel neck label — for "outstanding quality and agreed taste profile" — the death rattle of the bulk of German wine on sale here is nigh.

The latest statistics show that Liebfraumilch sales fell by 9 per cent in 1995, though we still managed to down 12 million cases last year. Up till now there has been little effort by the Deutsches Wein Institut, or the German producers themselves, to revive sales and resuscitate the industry. Germany's best-quality dedicated single estate wine producers have in their defence been pushing the DWM for years for radical reforms in their hopelessly ill-judged wine laws, whereby technically Liebfraumilch must be QbA, or quality regional wine of pleasant character made from at least 70 per cent of one of four named grapes.

The fact, as many German wine producers admit privately, is that Liebfraumilch and its like is an extremely nasty bulk wine blended down to a rock-bottom price and whose serious faults are only thinly disguised by large quantities of sugar. What a pity then that the DWM and the producers themselves have such a low opinion of the British palate.

Classroom unions call for big rise in pay

BY DAVID CHARTER

TEACHERS demanded a pay rise above the rate of inflation yesterday to attract more men into the profession and to prevent a shortage of staff in the main subjects.

The four leading teaching unions want the starting salary of £13,866 to move closer to average graduate pay of £15,000. Fewer than one in five primary school teachers are male and two thirds of all teachers are over the age of 40. In 1970 one in four primary teachers was male and one third of the profession was over 40.

Teacher training colleges failed to meet recruitment targets for secondary education in mathematics, science and modern languages last year. Continued shortfalls are forecast this year.

Teachers urged their independent pay review body to recommend a big rise despite the expected announcement by the Government this week of a fourth successive public-sector pay freeze. They also want class sizes to be limited to 30 pupils.

Inspectors fight shy of pointing out the worst teachers

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

GOVERNMENT plans to identify and deal with incompetent teachers are backfiring because inspectors are reluctant to "point the finger", according to head teachers. They say that this is making it harder for schools to sack or retrain their worst staff.

School inspectors have been required since April to grade teachers on a seven-point scale and to identify poor and incompetent staff to heads. But Peter Miller, new president of the Secondary Heads' Association, said yesterday that the system was breaking down.

Rather than use the bottom grades (six and seven), inspectors were awarding a disproportionate number of grade fives. Marking teachers down was proving unpleasant and inconvenient for inspectors, because the person concerned had to be observed at least twice and tensions were raised for the rest of the inspection. Mr Miller said: "Quite possibly one of the reasons we are seeing a lot of grade fives is that inspectors are choosing to avoid the hassle, which is quite understandable."

However, in neglecting to name poor teachers, inspectors were exacerbating the problem. "If a head is trying to help a colleague who is struggling, or taking disciplinary measures, and that teacher is not given a bad grade, the head is undermined."

The new grading structure was introduced by Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, as a way of increasing pressure on the 15,000 teachers he estimated should be retrained or dismissed. But the system was attacked last week by Sheila Russell, the president of the National Association of Inspectors Advisers and Consultants. She told her organisation's annual conference in Bristol that the grading was a bureaucratic measure that blundered into the head teacher's role of managing his or her staff.

Yesterday Mr Miller, deputy head of The Wrenn School, in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, said that grading should never have been introduced. "It was dressed up by asking inspectors to identify good teachers as well as bad, so that it didn't look just like teacher-bashing, but it is misguided and likely to do more harm than good."

The Office for Standards in Inspection said that it was too early to be sure whether inspectors were avoiding the bottom grades although anecdotal information suggested that they were.

☐ State schools will be inspected every six years rather than every four, unless there is evidence of underachievement, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said yesterday. Weak schools would be inspected more frequently until they showed improvement.

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Bernice McCabe, who is leaving Chelmsford County High in search of a new challenge in the independent sector

Head of leading girls' grammar goes private

THE head of one of the country's most successful girls' grammars is to switch to the independent sector to join the top girls' school in *The Times* A-level league (David Charter writes).

Bernice McCabe, head teacher of Chelmsford County High School, Essex, will take over at the North London Collegiate School, Edgware, next September. The National Grammar Schools Association said that her departure was a big loss to the state selective system at a time of uncertainty. Labour has said it wants local communities to vote on the future of the 161 selective schools.

The move is a second blow to the association after the recent announcement that Peter Mason, head of Reading School, Berkshire, one of the top boys' grammars, is to join the independent Stamford School in Lincolnshire. Mrs Dewar said: "I suspect this is the wind of change. I think all grammar school heads are extremely concerned at their future."

Mrs McCabe said that she was leaving, after seven years, because she wanted a new challenge at a school with a similar ethos. Chelmsford County High topped the state school GCSE league last year and came third this year with 70.3 per cent of all GCSEs passed at grade A.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Crash driver had just passed test

A 17-year-old who died with three of his friends in a car crash had passed his test only three months ago. Scott Eskriett and his passengers, Michael Timms, Tom Roche and Chris Welham, all 17, crashed into a brick wall at Puddletown, Dorset, early on Sunday as they returned to Canford Heath from a party. Mr Eskriett's brother, Grant, said: "He was in two minds about going to the party because he wasn't really in the mood. Scott didn't know his way home and must have got lost."

Rhodes millions

More than seven million people saw the first episode of *Rhodes*, the BBC's £10 million historical epic, according to unofficial figures. The BBC said it was very satisfied with the figures. "*Rhodes* is original drama, not intended as a ratings blockbuster."

Ecstasy charge

A 20-year-old woman who went into a coma after taking an Ecstasy tablet at a night-club has been charged with possession of the drug. Helen Cousins, of Peterborough, will appear before magistrates in Newmarket, Suffolk, on October 8.

Dog rescued

A couple have spent more than £2,500 bringing home an abused and neglected dog they saw on two separate holidays to their villa in Italy. Sandy and Grahame Cromie, of Wedmore, Somerset, met the costs of air fares and legal, quarantine and vets' bills.

Oasis off road

Oasis have cancelled the rest of their world tour and will not play in Britain this year, their record label said. Shows had been planned for Australia, the Far East and the Continent. The decision last week to scrap American dates cost the group about £500,000.

Late result

Sam Lockyer, 82, of Emsworth, Hampshire, was cremated with a winning betting slip, filled out by his daughter on the morning of his funeral and put in his pocket. That afternoon the horse won the family £1.55, which the bookmaker says he will honour.

Boy barred from Scouts for speech disorder

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A BOY aged 11 been turned away from a Scout troop because he has a speech impediment.

Daniel Fairclough was in tears when he learnt that he could not follow his friends into the 346th New Moston Scout Group in north Manchester. Leaders told his parents that they could not cope with the extra demand of his disability.

He can understand and hear perfectly well, but his speech is slow and he communicates mainly by sign language. His parents point out that he has been a Beaver and Cub Scout since the age of six and that he is enthusiastic and anxious to be with friends.

An investigation has been launched by the Scout Association, which encourages troops to take on handicapped youngsters wherever possible, or to seek the advice of a regional officer.

Doctors believe that Daniel suffers from a growth disorder, Sotos syndrome, which causes delayed development, clumsiness and some learning difficulties. His father, Leslie, said that the symptoms were mild and that he thrived when doing the same as other youngsters: "Dan might not be as quick as other Scouts, but he works hard at it. He needs a bit more patience and a little more time."

Daniel, who attends the Ewing School of Language in Didsbury, south Manchester, was told to apply to a troop catering for the handicapped. Bill Bones, the troop leader, said the Scouts involved more training and self-reliance: "It is a sad situation, but we are volunteers and not trained to care for special-needs children."



Daniel: leaders say they cannot cope with him

Corner shops fear end of the road

BY IAN MURRAY

SEVEN out of ten corner shopkeepers expect to be driven out of business in the next decade by crime and competition from supermarkets and shops selling lottery tickets, according to a survey published today.

Nearly 85 per cent of all corner shops are now run by Asians. Most said life was so hard that nobody in their family would take over the business when they retired.

The survey, prepared for the Asian section of the London Chamber of Commerce, found that many of the 20,000 corner shops in the capital had suffered from crime. Out-of-town superstores with large, free car parks were too competitive for corner shops in central areas, the traders said. The survey found that shops with National Lottery terminals attracted more customers and traders also complained that wholesalers and large retailers fixed discount prices so low that corner shops could not compete.

The chamber said that although the survey was made in London, the results applied to the whole country. It is asking local and national government to reduce business rates and take more care over parking restrictions.

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Fine for woman who lured child workers with dance classes



Barot: she paid the children with chocolates

BY JOANNA BALE

A COMPANY director used young girls as "slave labour" after luring them to her factory with an offer of free Indian dance lessons.

Sumitra Barot, 30, reassured their parents by showing them pictures of a girl in traditional dress at a display. But after a few classes, she put the girls to work packing spices.

At the end of their six-hour shifts the children, some as young as ten, were ordered to line up in front of Barot's 51-year-old manager, Ramnik Modi, who would decide whether they deserved to be paid. They were given as little as £2.50 or a box of chocolates. One girl cried and begged to be allowed home on her first day but was forced to continue, Northampton Crown Court was told yesterday.

Judge Francis Allen said he wished that he had the power to jail Barot and Modi but the law would allow him only to fine them. "Such abuse of young children is wholly unacceptable. In my view, these matters are so serious that a court should consider imprisonment, but Parliament has given no such power to the courts to pass such a sentence."

Barot, of Corby, Northamptonshire, admitted six charges of employing children at MTL (UK) in Corby. Modi, of Oadby, Leicestershire, admitted five charges. Barot was fined £4,500 with £500 costs and Modi £7,500 with £1,000 costs.

Judge Allen also imposed a £14,000 fine on the company, which had admitted six counts of employing children and a charge under the Factories Act. After being told that it had ceased trading, he said: "Whether it is ever paid is another thing."

The court was told that MTL's assets had been taken over by a new company, APNA UK, which was run by Modi. Barot was running a shop called APNA Cash and Carry in Northampton, selling food in bulk to Indian restaurants. Barristers for both defendants said that they had been left penniless by the company's collapse.

Outside the court, one angry mother said: "It is true what the judge said that those two abused those children. My daughter is still very upset by the whole thing, but they've been allowed to escape with fines. They should have gone to prison. They haven't even been disqualified as directors. It's a disgrace.

"Modi has even been allowed to take the assets of a company in which he used children as slave labour and use them to start up in business again. It's all wrong."

Modi and Barot were jeered as they left court. They declined to comment but a statement issued jointly by their solicitors said: "They want to get on with their respective businesses and put all this behind them."

An earlier hearing was told that the children were used to fill and label jars and packets of mango chutney, curry pastes, curry powder and spices. They used high-temperature heat-sealing machines and several children cut themselves as they used craft knives to open boxes.

They were put to work at weekends and during school holidays and were given child-size overalls to wear. The Health and Safety Executive began an inquiry when the girls' parents complained.

Manager unfairly sacked for eating an orange

BY JOANNA BALE

A SUPERMARKET manager was sacked for eating a damaged clementine worth 15p, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Paul Freake, 31, lost his job as a Sainsbury products department manager after John Guiver, his superior, saw him eating the fruit in a storeroom. The orange had been withdrawn from sale because its peel was split.

Mr Freake, who was represented by his local vicar, the Rev Clifford Roseweir, was dismissed from the store at Crystal Palace, southeast London, after 11 years' service.

Mr Guiver, a store manager, said he was shocked when he saw his colleague biting the clementine and was so furious that he had to leave the room to calm down. He suspended Mr Freake immediately from his £17,700 job — which also earned him £2,300 in bonuses — two weeks before he was due to get married.

Mr Guiver said: "I saw Paul consuming some citrus. The peel was evident on the side on a wooden board. I asked him: 'What's this, sampling the products?' He muttered 'no' but his mouth was still full."

Mr Guiver told the hearing at Croydon, south London, that there were clear procedures for sampling products and that Mr Freake had not followed any of them.

Mr Freake's deputy, Lawrence Ault, was given a final written warning for also eating some of the fruit.

Mr Guiver said: "After the decision to dismiss Mr Freake, I discovered Mr Ault had been consuming the product, and Robbie Smith, a trainee, had also been offered the product.

"This made the situation worse. Mr Ault was issued with a final written warning for being offered the fruit. At the final disciplinary meeting I said I favoured a final written warning for Mr Freake, who was a manager with good prospects, but unapproved consumption of goods is an instant dismissal."

James Warren, tribunal chairman, said: "It is important that this was a damaged fruit. It would never have found its way to the customer. The company has not lost anything. This case is about someone with an impeccable record over a number of years with a good future in front of him. It seems to me the investigation was concluded with undue haste."

Mr Freake, of Norwood, southeast London, who now works for a mobile telephone company, was found to have been unfairly dismissed last November. Costs and awards to Mr Freake will be decided today.

Horror fans and Masons put on list of sinners

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

FREEMASONRY and watching horror films are among "sins" that recruits to the Church of England will be encouraged to avoid. A new course to welcome people into the Christian faith urges Church leaders to discuss aspects of newcomers' lives that are "unhealthy or wrong".

Under the heading "I repent of my sins", the evangelism course, published yesterday, lists occult practices, seances, Freemasonry and cults as activities to be carefully considered. It also mentions unethical investments, fiddling tax returns, pornography, horror films and dishonesty at work.

The course, which is entitled *Emmaus: The Way of Faith*, tells Church leaders that "the emphasis should be on why these things are unhealthy or wrong, rather than reading out a list of prohibited practices". The list resembles the modern sins recently laid out by the Roman Catholic *Church in its new catechism* but the Church of England list is shorter.

The General Synod last debated Freemasonry in 1987, concluding that there were "clear difficulties" to be faced by Christians who are freemasons. However, many of the problems raised in the debate have since been addressed by the leaders of Freemasonry.

The Rev Stephen Cottrell, one of five authors of the course, which originated in the Wakefield diocese, emphasised that the course did not set out to prescribe a list of do's and don'ts for new Christians. But he conceded that if he were leading a group and a member confessed to being a Mason, he would urge them to think carefully about it.

The course has been launched as a national initiative by the Church after it was pioneered at a Halifax church in 1993. St George's, Ovenden, one of the poorest areas of the town, saw a phenomenal growth in membership to several hundred after it was introduced. Mr Cottrell's church, St Thomas's in Huddersfield, has also started using the course. Numbers have doubled from about 55 to more than 100 in four years.

The course bears similarities to another evangelism course, Alpha, which has been phenomenally successful on the evangelical wing of the Church. Begun by clergy at Holy Trinity Brompton in London, Alpha is used by hundreds of churches. But it does not appeal to all because of its strong evangelical tone. Emmaus is likely to appeal to a broader cross-section.

The Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield, said: "For too long in the Decade of Evangelism we have talked about the importance of sharing our faith without providing practical help for churches to actually do it." He said the course was aimed at all denominations and traditions.

Church of England leaders are concerned that increasing numbers of people growing up in Britain know little or nothing about Christianity. Mr Cottrell said: "We have tried to make the assumption that they probably won't know very much at all. We are now experiencing the second or third generation of people who are growing up without contact with the Church."



Peter Thompson sold 14 steers and heifers worth a total of £11,000. He was arrested after a college farm manager became suspicious

Head sold college cattle to pay his debts

BY PETER FOSTER

THE principal of an agricultural college sold some of its cattle to settle his credit card bills, a court was told yesterday.

Peter Thompson, 55, head of Kirkley Hall Agricultural College in Northumberland, sold prized Aberdeen Angus beef cattle and used the proceeds to settle bills of up to £4,000. He was jailed for six months by Newcastle Crown Court after admitting theft and false accounting.

He sold 14 steers and heifers worth a total of £11,000 between 1989 and August last year. He was arrested after a manager at one of the college's three farms became suspicious. Thompson was suspended and later resigned from his post.

Tim Hewitt, for the defence, said that Thompson had become so engrossed in his work for the college that his personal finances had fallen into neglect. He said that Thompson, known locally for his work as a rugby union referee, had come under great strain as Kirkley Hall left local education authority control and began to raise its international profile.

Mr Hewitt said: "The seeds of his predicament arose out of the commitment and energy which he put into his job. His life was immersed in the college. This caused him great overwork and stress and it is not without significance that these thefts coincided with the greatest period of development within the college.

"He was naive in forgetting to pay personal credit card bills in time. He was running up credit card bills, not of a large expense. The most he owed was £3,000 to £4,000, which he had the capabilities to meet. But he saw, through the sales of these cattle, a solution to deal with these bills, which he thought were getting out of control."

Passing sentence, the Recorder told Thompson, who has been living with friends in Alnwick since the break-up of his marriage: "This is a very unhappy case indeed. These offences constituted a substantial breach of trust. I also have to bear in mind that this was not an isolated offence, but occurred over a period of time. There were eight occasions in all when you chose to behave in that way. I accept you have done a great deal of work with the college. I derive no pleasure in imposing an immediate custodial sentence."

Kirkley Hall, which has 200 full-time students and thousands more part-time, has a respected international reputation. It runs courses in agricultural, horticultural and environmental subjects.

Dr Joanna Martin, the new principal, said: "We are very pleased that this whole sorry episode has been concluded. A new management is now in place and we are looking forward to a bright and exciting future."

Garden 'faced wrong way'

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A COUPLE have taken an estate agency to court after discovering that the house they bought was facing the wrong way.

Tony Petworth and Susan Booth bought the property in Hedge End, Southampton, believing that it had a sunny back garden facing southwest, which would be ideal for evening barbecues. In fact the plot faces northwest and a neighbouring home blocks the sun late in the day.

Southampton magistrates were told yesterday that the couple, both keen gardeners, were shocked to discover the true aspect of 42 Malvern Gardens soon after moving in. They had paid £58,000 for the semi-detached house.

The couple sought compensation from the estate agents, Mann and Co South East, and, when that failed, called in Hampshire trading standards officers, who prosecuted the firm under the Property Misdescriptions Act.

The firm, from Southampton, denies making a false statement, as does Jason Franklin, the branch manager, who faces a similar charge. Mr Petworth, an engineer, said that he was shown details of the house saying that the garden was "southwest fencing". He queried this and was told that it should have read southwest facing.

But after moving in, Mr Petworth took out a compass while installing a television aerial and realised the true direction. "I was absolutely devastated," he said.

Mr Petworth contacted Mann and Co seeking £8,000 to cover the costs of moving again. He refused an offer of £250. The case continues.

For sale: the country house with an en-suite 'hermit'

BY ALAN HAMILTON

IT MAY be the ultimate challenge to an estate agent's descriptive powers: how do you improve the image of a house when the fixtures include a man living in the garage extension? The answer was imaginative: describe him as a hermit.

However, the "hermit" with legal occupancy at Portkellis, near Helston, Cornwall, was not amused. Geoffrey Greenald, 83, used to be an estate agent and has counter-attacked by giving viewers to the property his own frank assessment of its flaws.

Mr Greenald, a former chartered surveyor who subsequently ran the village post office, moved into the converted garage six years ago after the then owners offered him lifetime residency in return for buying his post office. Mr Greenald, a widower, is confined to bed with osteoarthritis and maintains his independence with help from his neighbours.

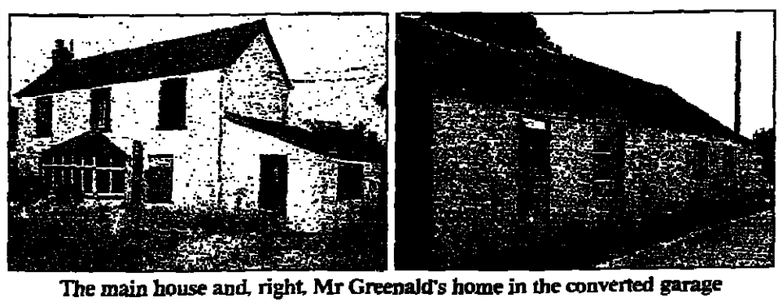
Yesterday he said that Hambro Countrywide, the agents selling the three-bedroom house, did not show him a draft of the particulars describing him. "They made me sound like some senile old fool, an awkward problem that's hanging about. I have every legal right to be here for the rest of my life and I have the legal documentation to prove it."

Mr Greenald was not impressed by the main house, known as The Farthings, which is for sale at £50,000. He says it is worth no more than £30,000, adding: "Personally, I wouldn't touch it with a bargepole.

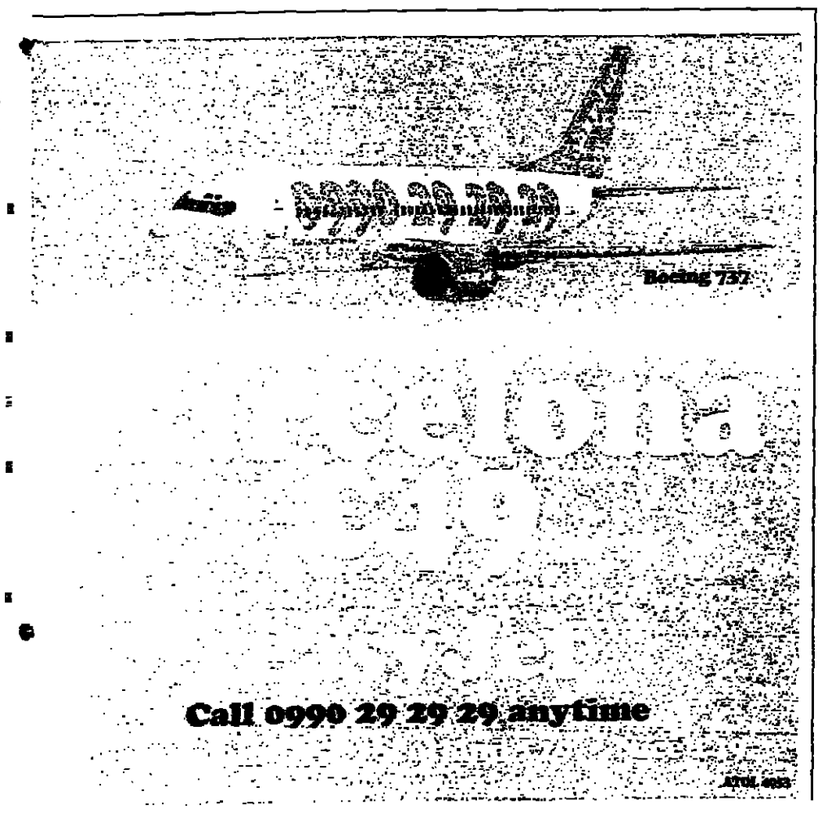
"It's been empty for 18 months, vandals have broken in, the rooms are badly laid out, the place is a nightmare to heat and the garden is overgrown. One couple who were looking it over called to see me. I told them what I will tell anybody else: the place needs a fortune spent on it."

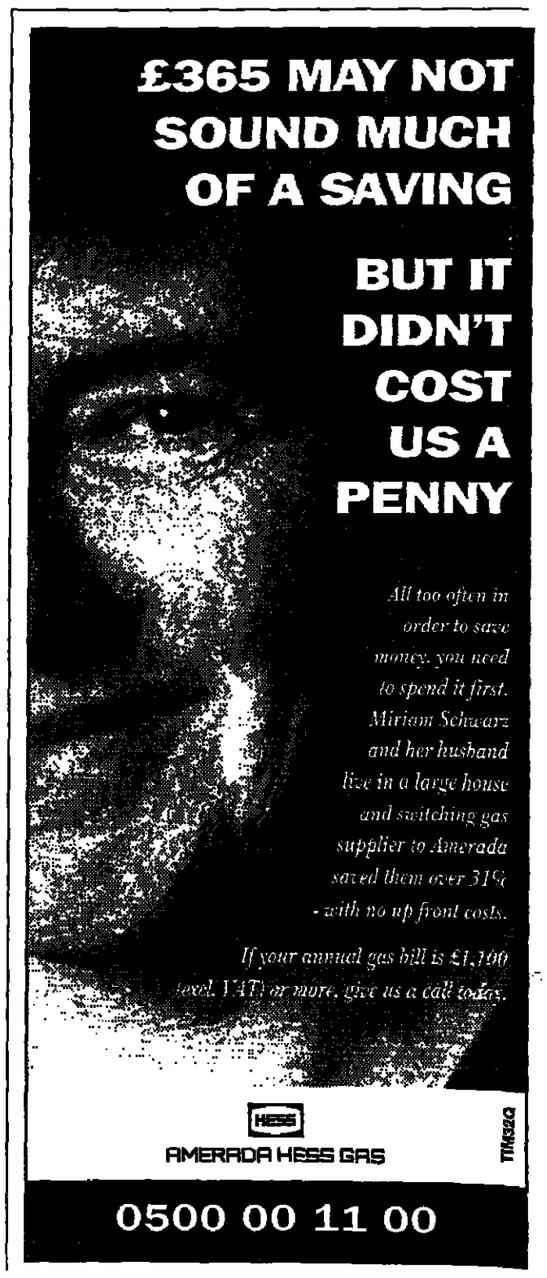
One neighbour described him as a nice, harmless man who deserved better: another said the agents' description was demeaning.

Michael Logan Wood, the auctioneer who will sell the house on October 1, was brimming with apology yesterday: "We understood that the occupant was a long-haired person who had opted out of life. All the paperwork describes him as a hermit, and we have not been able to get to see him ourselves. I will certainly apologise publicly; it was never our intention to cause the gentleman distress."



The main house and, right, Mr Greenald's home in the converted garage





CORRECTIONS

☐ Natalie Kelley, the two-year-old who died of a rare heart defect (report, September 5) was placed on a waiting list for surgery at 11 months, not at birth. Her operation was not postponed, but the list was long because of what Killingbeck Hospital, Leeds, describes as "the imbalance between workload and resources at that time, a problem which is being addressed actively".

☐ The budget for the first of the new *Star Wars* films (report, September 10) is £38.5 million and the PepsiCo involvement is promotional, not financial. Although George Lucas directed the original *Star Wars* he is the story author and executive producer of the other two films, not the director.

Hospitals accused of exaggerating expertise to win patients

Women 'misled' on cancer care

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Correspondent

WOMEN referred for specialist breast cancer treatment are being misled about the experience of the surgeons who treat them, a report disclosed yesterday.

One in five hospitals claiming to provide specialist treatment for breast cancer, and one in four surgeons who do the work, do not see enough cases to gain the necessary expertise. Some doctors believe hospitals are under pressure to exaggerate their services because of the pressures of the internal market.

A directory listing the 220 British hospitals which provide specialist treatment for breast cancer, published yesterday by the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, shows that 40 hospitals — 19 per cent — see fewer than 100 new cases a year, regarded as the minimum necessary for a breast cancer unit to develop specialist expertise. Figures also show that, of the 194 lead surgeons operating in the units, 46 devote fewer than three half-days a week to breast cancer work — the minimum judged necessary to maintain their skills.

Richard Sainsbury, consultant surgeon at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and a member of the directory steering group, said that many of the smaller units would have to merge to survive. Hospitals knew they could not succeed in the internal market if they lost their cancer services, leading some to make inflated claims.

He said: "An appreciable number of women are not getting the benefit of treatment by a specialist team. The real problem is that there is no formally agreed definition of what constitutes a specialist breast surgeon."

Breast cancer claims 13,000 lives a year in Britain but treatment in a specialist breast unit can significantly improve a woman's chances of survival. In July the Government issued guidance for health authorities on what breast units should provide after publication of a national cancer policy aimed at ending the "cancer lottery" and giving every patient access to the highest standards of care.

The directory, which is intended to help GPs to locate the best local breast cancer service, shows that 17 per cent of hospitals do not follow the recommendations on diagnosis of breast cancer and make patients wait at least a week for the results.

Mr Sainsbury said that training for general surgeons who wished to specialise in breast cancer had now been agreed by the Royal College of Surgeons and the first course would start next February. "It will be a lean time for the next three years until these people come on stream."

Many hospitals were unable to provide basic information on the number of new breast cancer patients treated and 30 per cent of the figures in the directory are estimated.

Dr Miriam Stoppard, speaking at the launch of the directory, together with a guide on the management of breast cancer for GPs, said: "Every breast cancer patient has the right to the best treatment on offer."

Mother had to fight for the best treatment

By Jeremy Laurance

LINDA JAMES received the specialist treatment she required for her breast cancer only after demanding that she be referred from her local hospital in North Yorkshire.

Doctors had removed one lump from her breast but failed to notice a second. When analysis showed that the first lump was cancerous, she was told that the surgeon was going on holiday and that she would have to wait for a second operation. "I went out into the corridor and cried," she said.

Ten days after the second operation, she found a large growth in her lymph nodes. As a result of chatting with a friend, she got herself referred to an oncologist at another hospital, who gave her chemotherapy and recommended a mastectomy. She chose to travel 50 miles to have the operation performed by a specialist, rather than rely on her local hospital. Mrs James, 42, who has three children and runs a fruit company with her husband, said: "I had to fight the system to change my consultant. I did not want to be treated by a general surgeon, to wait three weeks for an appointment, to be processed in an impersonal production line and then be left to wait in a corridor with devastating news.

"It simply wasn't good enough. For all the talk of statistics, it is a straight case of either you live or die. You don't get a second shot. If you get off to a bad start, that damages your chances."

Mrs James, who was diagnosed in 1991, has since had a second mastectomy after her sister died of the disease last year. "I often felt I had better treatment than my sister because I fought for it. It is the initial referral that is crucial. Patients may have to be prepared to travel to get the best treatment. It could save their lives."

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James: fought the system to change her consultant

Surgery video banned

By Dominic Kennedy

THE release of a video film of NHS operations was banned by a High Court judge yesterday until every patient, surgeon and health trust involved agreed to its sale.

IMC Videos, which made *Everyday Operations*, said that it would seek permission from the 27 patients, the doctors and trusts. But the Department of Health said that even if none objected the court's approval would still be needed.

Officials believe it unlikely that everyone will agree to the sale of the film, which includes footage of penile and breast implants. However, it could still be sold overseas and re-edited for the British market using only film of those who give their permission.

Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, fought to prevent its release, flying from Scotland to London on a Sunday afternoon in August to ensure that an injunction was obtained hours before it was due on sale.

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Tell-tale signs of a headache's sinister cause



MEDICAL BRIEFING

A DOCTOR was ordered to be struck off the medical register for serious professional misconduct last week after he diagnosed peanut allergy as the cause of a five-year-old girl's headache. Eliza Connelly had a brain tumour.

On short acquaintance, Dr Robert Blomfield, who has been given 28 days to appeal, seems to be a man dedicated to his patients and utterly selfless. But careful examination and accuracy of diagnoses, to be confirmed later by special tests, is all-important. To deprive a patient of the advantages of modern treatment which can stem from an early diagnosis is rightly considered to be serious professional misconduct.

Dr Blomfield's enthusiasm for non-traditional medicine seems to have blinded him to a wealth of disturbing symptoms and to have prevented him from carrying out a standard examination. Patients always worry about headaches and so do their doctors, but there are differences between those which, for example, stem from tension, fevers, arthritic conditions to the neck, toothache and sinusitis and the type of headache which left Eliza blind, partially paralysed and hard of hearing.

Medical students are taught from their earliest days on the wards to remember that, when a patient complains of a headache, there is always the possibility of a tumor and that, in older patients, the tumour has often spread from a cancer elsewhere in the body.

The headaches caused by brain tumours are often worse in the mornings and improve once the patient is up. Such a headache tends to recur every morning and, as the tumour grows, the time in the day that the headache fades becomes progressively later until finally it is always present.

The headache from a tumour is worse when the patient stoops and may be associated with nausea, vomiting, dizziness and changes in vision. There are often subtle alterations in personality as well as obvious irritability, as in Eliza's case, and in 20 per cent of cases patients with cerebral tumours have epileptic fits.

As the tumour grows, it presses on nerve tracks with subsequent loss of muscle power and weakness in the limbs. Eliza's was so large that, when she was seen by Dr Blomfield, it had obstructed the free flow of the cerebral spinal fluid and was giving rise to hydrocephalus. Little wonder that she had an agonising headache, uncoordinated gait, vomiting and was irritable and unusually sensitive to noise and light — a very different picture from the headache suffered by the stressed, overtired, hungover or feverish.

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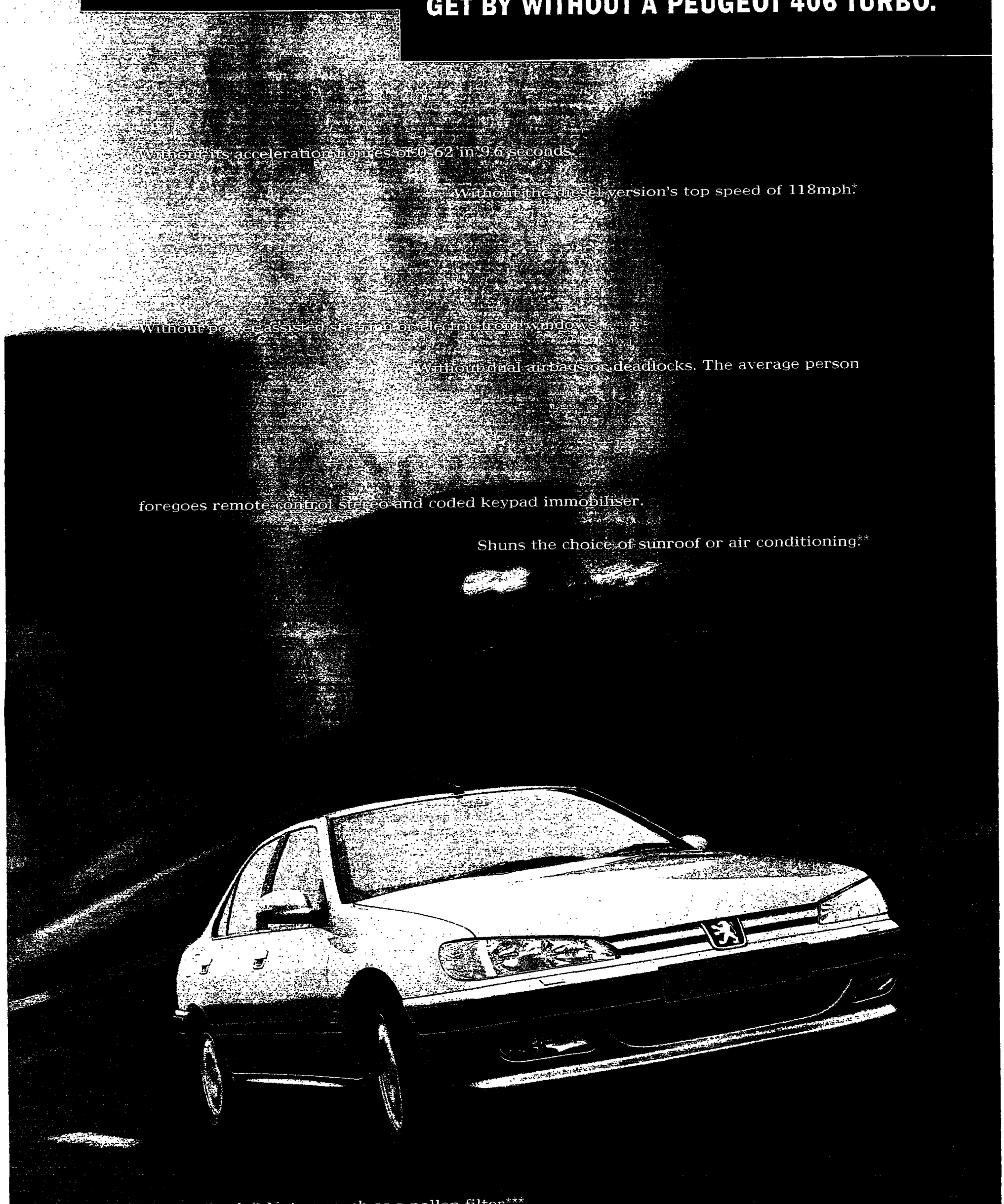
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140,000 young are homeless

BY IAN MURRAY

ONE in ten people aged between 16 and 25 is homeless or in housing need, according to an independent report issued yesterday.

More than 140,000 were homeless last year, and a further 175,000 were living in hostels or with friends and relations who wanted them to move out. The report was compiled by the YMCA and Staffordshire University, helped by 350 housing-related agencies.

The ten main charities involved, including The Children's Society and Barnardo's, say that the findings "reveal a stark picture of modern Britain with a huge, unrecognised underclass of young homeless people trapped in poverty and denied access to social housing". They claim that £2,400 per taxpayer could be saved over two years if housing benefit were available for those on the streets, while the human cost to the individual and the social cost are incalculable.

Labour to offer state cash for mortgage insurance

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR leaders plan to protect thousands of homeowners from repossession by creating a mortgage insurance scheme financed by both the state and private sector.

A partnership between a Labour government and mortgage lenders is being considered to increase the take-up of private insurance schemes. Labour believes a joint venture would reduce premiums while tightening rules to prevent insurers from avoiding payouts when mortgage holders lose their jobs.

Insurers would have to offer cheaper mortgage protection policies but would cover mortgage payments only for a limited period, not indefinitely as usually at present. In return, a Labour government would take on the long-term risk by providing cover for homeowners out of work for more than a year.

The move to offer extra help to homeowners comes as Tony Blair prepares to lead a winter campaign on housing by giving warning of the dangers of rising property prices and the risk of more repossessions. He will expand on a speech made earlier this year calling on banks and building societies to allow borrowers "mortgage holidays" for changes in financial circumstances.

Senior figures in the Labour Party and banking believe that, by making a joint insurance scheme more affordable, an incoming government could drastically reduce the 50,000 annual repossessions. Labour's plans are intended to go further than the government mortgage protection scheme by reassuring borrowers that mortgage payments will be met and by giving more state help to homeowners who return to low-paid jobs.

New borrowers receive state help towards mortgages only after being out of work for nine months and having less than £16,000 in savings. They face tougher restrictions on help towards a mortgage if they take on low-paid work, whereas poorly paid workers in rented accommodation can claim housing benefit. The costs of the new scheme, likely to be up to £500 million a year, would be offset partly by the reduction in repossessions. Each year about 20,000 people claim housing benefit towards rent after repossession. Industry experts believe the net government cost would be about £250 million.

The plan is aimed at halving monthly insurance premiums, which cost about £3.50 for each £100 of mortgage. Lenders say that premiums are high because insurance is taken up by only one in ten of the ten million borrowers, and mainly by those at greatest risk of unemployment. Only one in four new borrowers takes out insurance.

Senior Labour figures are concerned about rising house prices in the early months of a Labour government. With property inflation in many areas expected to be 10 or even 15 per cent by next summer, the Bank of England could demand an early interest-rate rise, damaging economic growth at the start of a new term of office.

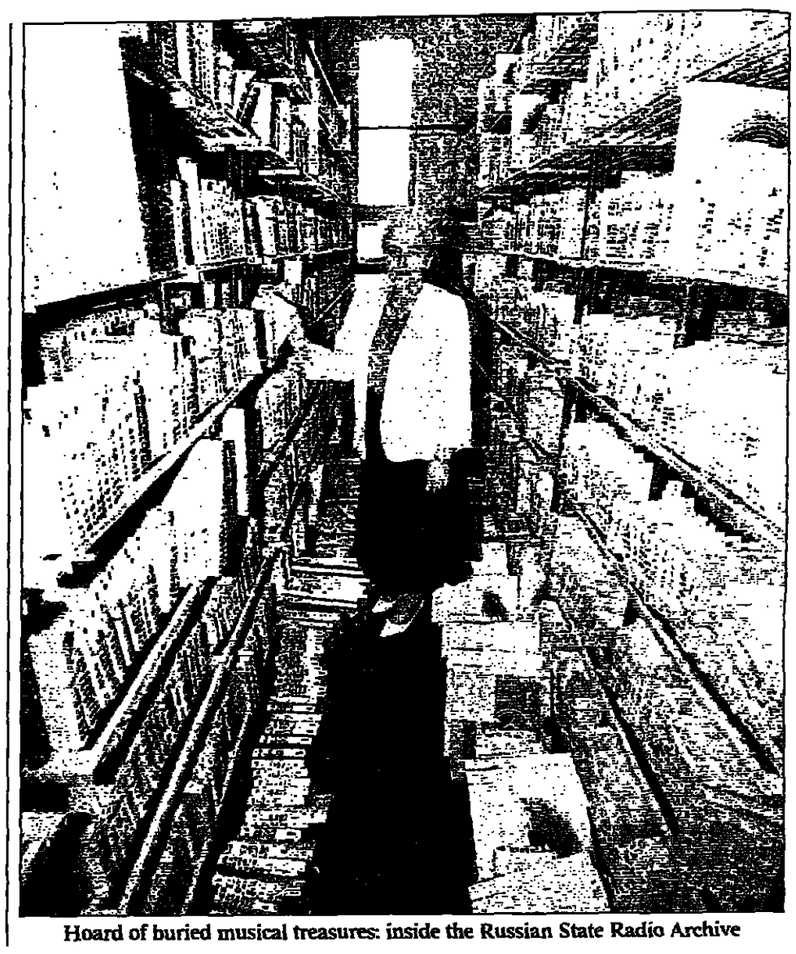
Prices continue to rise

THE autumn housing market is expected to be the strongest for eight years, according to the latest quarterly survey by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Rachel Kelly writes).

An "unusually vigorous" summer for the property market continued throughout August, a traditionally slow month, the report said. London, the South East, the South West and East Anglia saw the highest number of chartered surveyors reporting price increases. In London, 84 per cent said prices were rising.

Ian Perry, the institution's housing market spokesman, said: "The market has been improving for 12 consecutive months. It is no longer a question of recovery; the improvement is definitely here to stay."

Country homes and two and three-bedroom pre-1960 houses have seen the biggest price increases.



Hoard of buried musical treasures: inside the Russian State Radio Archive

Russia releases secret music of 'decadent' greats

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

RUSSIAN recordings by some of the century's musical masters, including Dmitri Shostakovich, Herbert von Karajan and Artur Rubinstein, are being released for the first time since they were banned by the Soviet authorities as too decadent.

About 400,000 suppressed tapes survived because orders to destroy them were disobeyed. Under musical glasnost, they are now to be marketed by a British company after being remastered with the help of a Russian noise-reduction system originally developed by the Soviet Defence Ministry for cleaning KGB surveillance tapes.

As the October issue of *Gramophone* will report, Telstar Records has been granted exclusive rights for their worldwide release after extensive negotiations, which involved Russian musicians writing an open letter to President Yeltsin calling for his support in making them available commercially.

The music was rediscovered in 1989 among 1.2 million tapes in the Russian State Radio Archive. Staff had stored some in boxes for balalaika ensembles and folk group, or hid them at home under floorboards.

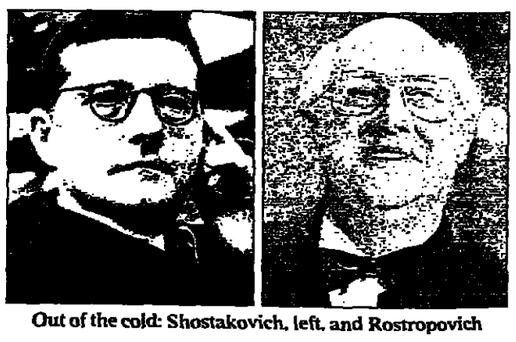
Staff at the broadcasting station refused, for example, to erase tapes of the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich after he left the Soviet Union. Some were broadcast under the name of politically acceptable musicians. Historic recordings include a 1949 concert in Moscow in which the American singer Paul Robeson sang in English, French, Spanish, Yiddish and Chinese. It had never been heard in the West.

A spokeswoman for Telstar said: "The archive is home not only to audio history but also video recordings, including thousands of hours of Rubinstein and Menuhin, besides other notable artists."

They estimate the value of these recordings to be £7 billion. Thirty CDs were released yesterday on a label called Revelation. Among them is Shostakovich playing his sonata for cello and piano in D Minor. Eight more will be issued each month and a rare repertoire series will be launched with six titles a month from January.

Valentin Lazoutkin, chairman of the Federal Service on Television and Radio of the Russian Federation, said: "Our goal is to present an encyclopaedia of music, a complete picture of Russian culture. Under communism there was a feeling that our culture was different from the West, but in fact we were always an integral part of world culture.

"Even though he left, Rostropovich was always thought of as Russian. Shostakovich still influenced music from behind an Iron Curtain, even though some of his best performances were never allowed to be heard."



Out of the cold: Shostakovich, left, and Rostropovich

Crash pilot had no recent flying time

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR Royal Navy pilot who had only seven hours' flying time in nine weeks crashed his Harrier into a hill during a training exercise with RAF Tornados, killing himself and a passenger, an inquest was told yesterday.

Lieutenant-Commander Mike Auckland had not had recent Harrier flying experience. Chief Petty Officer Stephen Brookes, a mechanic, also died. Each was married with a young family.

The Royal Navy Sea Harrier, a T4 training version, was taking part with an RAF Harrier in a feigned attack on three Tornados. The coroner said that neither pilot had had recent experience in Harriers. For that reason it was decided that there should not be a close contact and the Harriers disengaged after pointing towards the Tornados.

When the inquest opened in February, Michael Rose, the West Somerset Coroner, said: "The risks servicemen undertake in peacetime are taken too much for granted." Yesterday he said: "Flying a modern service aircraft is an extremely difficult task and it is imperative that pilots have current flying experience. The recommended currency is 16 hours a month." Lieutenant-Commander Auckland had only seven hours in 68 days.

The aircraft crashed into the Blackdown Hills at Burnworthy on February 23. Lieutenant-Commander Mark Vost, commanding officer of 899 Sea Harrier training squadron at the Royal Navy Air Station at Yeovilton, said it was fitted with radar, but a device giving audio and visual warning of low flying was not working and would not have given an accurate reading when banking.

The inquest was adjourned until today.

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History repeats itself as Bosnia voters lay the ground for war



Anthony Loyd reports from Tuzla on the latest elections that have solved little in Bosnia except confirming the likelihood of renewed fighting

SIX years ago, the elections complete, the three sectarian-oriented nationalist parties triumphant, Bosnia's parliament sat in uneasy coalition, headed by a collective presidency including Serb, Muslim, and Croat representatives.

Irreconcilable rifts remained, though, for the Serbs wanted to remain part of Yugoslavia, the Croats wanted to leave the federation as it was then, and the Muslims clung to Bosnian sovereignty. The Government broke down within a year and Bosnia was at war within 18 months.

Little appears to have changed. The above scenario was the reality after Bosnia's first free elections, in November 1990, when three parties, respectively the Serb Democratic Party (SDS), the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) and the Muslims' Party for Democratic Action (SDA) won seats in a parliament that represented the approximate sectarian ratios of the state. The SDA took 43 per cent of the seats, the SDS 35 per cent and the HDZ 21 per cent.

As votes from Bosnia's most recent election begin to be counted, too many parallels to 1990 remain for there to be much optimism. The main parties contesting the vote now are those that did so then. Their leadership and aspirations are almost identical.

The Serbs, if anything, have become more radicalised by their battlefield defeats last year. Whatever lip-service the SDS pays to the Dayton accords, its leaders and supporters remain committed to unifying the "Serb Republic" entity within Bosnia and Herzegovina with Serbia proper.

"There are many Serbs like me who had little time for the SDS before the war and were happy to live with the Muslims," said a young Bosnian Serb soldier voting for the SDS in Doboj on Saturday. "But the war came regardless of our wishes and we have lost a lot fighting the Muslim soldiers. I gave my youth to the war. Why should we live with them again now? It was what we fought against."

Croats voting in Vitez on Saturday waved placards of their former HDZ leader, Dario Cordic, indicted on charges of war crimes against the Muslims in central Bosnia and still at liberty in Croatia, carrying the words "We shall not give him up". The HDZ, though part of the Muslim-Croat Federation, is as hardcore as the SDS in its nationalist aspirations, and the federation's unity is at best tenuous: most Croats in Bosnia still want unify with Croatia.

"I am leaving Bosnia after two and a half years of effort to implement the federation," a senior UN official said, two weeks ago, "and I have never felt so depressed as to the chances of its working as I do now."

The Muslims, comprising more than 44 per cent of Bosnia's 4.35 million population, were their obstacle then and are their obstacle now. The Muslims continue to believe in themselves as the rightful heirs to a unified sovereign state undivided by the land-hungry neighbours on their flanks.

One adviser of the body which planned last weekend's polls, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, said: "No way should these elections have happened now. Every side is already being rearmed and retrained with sophisticated weaponry. The last war was bad enough with Second World War armaments. Watch this space: two years from now and it will be back to trenchlines, uniforms and the sound of gunfire."

☐ Sarajevo: Although organisers of the Bosnian elections have declared the polling a success, international monitors said yesterday that they observed widespread voting irregularities, but results would be probably certified as there had been no blatant acts of interference (Stacy Sullivan writes). Among the problems were many refugees being bussed in from Serbia to cast ballots in places where they had no intention of living and many people being rendered ineligible to vote because their names were not on rosters.

On election day, 137,000 refugees living in Serbia crossed into the Serb Republic to vote. Although casting a ballot in a Bosnian town was supposed to indicate a will to live there, many Serbs said they had no intention of living in those towns and said they were forced to vote there.

Bus hijack raises new obstacle to Chechen ceasefire

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW



A Russian officer and a Chechen fighter attaching explosives to a tree pierced by a mortar in a joint exercise to clear dangerous devices

SUSPECTED Chechen gunmen yesterday seized a passenger bus in the southern republic of Dagestan, triggering a hostage crisis which threatened to derail the shaky peace deal between the Kremlin and Chechen rebels.

According to reports reaching Moscow, the two hijackers commandeered the bus and ordered the driver to take them to the airport at Makhachkala, Dagestan's capital. They exchanged 36 unharmed hostages for a local deputy, Gadzhi Makhachef, and demanded $100,000 (£66,000) in cash.

The incident threatened to overshadow the latest peace mission by General Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's security chief, who will travel today to the region in an effort to salvage his stalled peace deal.

Less than three weeks after he announced that the 21-month war was over and signed a peace agreement with Colonel Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen rebel commander, General Lebed's initiative has ground to a halt and both sides are openly threatening to resume hostilities.

The latest warning came from Colonel Maskhadov, considered the most moderate figure in the Chechen separatist hierarchy, who accused political intriguers in Moscow of attempting to reignite the conflict. "It is very fragile," said the former Soviet army officer in a television interview. "I am doing the best I can. But if the agreement is violated, then what can we do? We will fight."

His remarks followed the decision on Thursday by General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, the commander of Russian forces in Chechenia, to suspend the troop withdrawal, a key provision of the peace agreement. He insisted that he would not pull out any more soldiers until a disagreement over prisoner exchanges was resolved. The Russians maintain that a number of people said by the Chechen side to be prisoners of war are in fact common criminals.

Other Russian officers have accused the rebels of reneging on their side of the bargain by regularly breaking the ceasefire agreement and secretly smuggling guerrillas into Grozny after they had supposedly been withdrawn. The Russians have been particularly incensed by rebel moves to consolidate their hold on Chechenia, in particular an order by Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the Chechen separatist leader, to replace Russian law with *sharia*, the strict Islamic code. The Muslim law, which provides for the amputation of the right hand for thieves, has led to several public floggings for alcohol offences.

Reports about the spread of Muslim fundamentalist practices has played into the hands of General Lebed's political opponents, who have made no secret of their desire to torpedo his peace initiative and with it his credibility.

Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, predicted that the peace deal was the "beginning of Russia's territorial disintegration", because of the provision which defers the issue of Chechenia's final status for at least another five years.

Part of the reason for the strength of opposition is General Lebed's popularity. A new opinion poll by the Mnenie agency showed this week that the Afghan War veteran had a 75 per cent approval rating for his peace efforts, compared with only 15 per cent approval for President Yeltsin, who started the war in December 1994. Ultimately much will depend on Mr Yeltsin's position. He has so far offered muted support for General Lebed, although he denounced provisions for the rapid withdrawal of Russian troops from the area. It is still not clear how involved Mr Yeltsin will be in day-to-day affairs of state. Over the weekend he was admitted to Moscow's Central Clinic Hospital for tests ahead of his multiple heart-bypass operation. Specialists said that a final decision about the open heart surgery will be made at the end of this month.

Estonia makes the grade

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

THE Baltic republic of Estonia quietly overtook higher-profile rivals such as the Czech Republic and Poland yesterday and became the first country in the region with an economy strong enough to "graduate" from United States assistance programmes.

In a ceremony in Tallinn, the capital, USAid, the American government technical and humanitarian aid organisation, formally closed its operations after five years and $30 million (£19 million) of projects, making Estonia the first country in Central or Eastern Europe to be given that accolade.

In the five years since independence, Estonia, a country of 1.5 million people and the smallest former Soviet republic, has become, in economic terms, the mouse that roared.

It has totally switched its trade, 90 per cent of which used to be with Russia, to the West, especially the Scandinavian countries and Germany. Inflation last year was 28 per cent, down from 100 per cent a month five years ago.

Monaco Princess bows to calls for divorce

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS



Stephanie: obeying father

PRINCESS STEPHANIE of Monaco said last night she was to divorce her husband after the publication of photographs of him with a Belgian striptease dancer.

With her father, Prince Rainier, urging the couple to separate, Princess Stephanie renounced all hope of a reconciliation with Daniel Ducruet, the bodyguard who became her husband. The Princess's lawyer said the couple would start proceedings immediately.

As Italian and Spanish magazines continue to print graphic photographs of M Ducruet at a poolside in the company of the topless Belgian dancer, Fily Houteman, the affair is shaking the principality. The magazines have been banned by Prince Rainier but are available under the counter in many bars and cafés in Monaco.

Local residents, many of whom paid homage to Prince Rainier's wife, the actress Grace Kelly, at a ceremony to mark the 16th anniversary of her death on Saturday, have told journalists they are angered and bemused.

Princess Stephanie's marriage to a man widely criticised for social climbing was barely accepted in Monaco, and the scepticism has been reinforced by M Ducruet's romps. Aware that the Princess's marital problems threaten to damage the entire Grimaldi family, which has ruled Monaco for the past 700 years, Prince Rainier "strongly advised" a divorce, according to royal sources.

There have even been reports in serious French newspapers and magazines that the Prince might be behind the affair in an attempt to drive M Ducruet out of the country. The press said M Ducruet had been set up, since he was photographed as soon as he arrived at Miss Houteman's side at a villa on the French Riviera. Returning from Morocco, he met his wife and there were suggestions that the couple, who have two young children, made a final attempt to save their marriage. Sources close to Princess Stephanie said she wanted to see if a reconciliation was possible. Faced with the hostility of her father, she last night accepted the inevitability of a divorce.

The affair comes at a bad time for Monaco, which has been affected by financial difficulties and scandals. The world-famous casino has reported a fall in takings and there have been rumours of Mafia infiltration into an economy that experienced golden years during the 1980s.

The Grimaldi family's prestige remains one of the principality's strongest assets, making the Ducruet affair all the more harmful. Having known a height of popularity during Prince Rainier's marriage to Grace Kelly, the family has suffered problems similar to those of the British Royal Family.

Last week Princess Caroline was forced to deny speculation that she had fallen seriously ill after the publication of photographs showing her to be bald. Meanwhile, Prince Albert remains, in the words of a French magazine, "desperately unmarried".

Illness of Pope fuels scepticism

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

AS SURGEONS at the Gemelli Hospital in Rome prepared to perform the sixth operation on the Pope in his 18 years in office, a chorus of scepticism greeted the Vatican announcement that the pontiff's repeated illnesses since his collapse last Christmas are due to "recurring inflammation of the appendix".

"This is an announcement which hides too many mysteries," *Il Messaggero* said. *Corriere della Sera* said that the announcement by Dr Joaquin Navarro-Valls, the chief Vatican spokesman, had failed to reassure the public "because this diagnosis simply does not square with the kind of suffering we can all see the Pope enduring".

Professor Carlo Caruso, a leading surgeon at Rome University Umberto I Hospital, said: "This is a gigantic lie to hide something much graver." He said the appendectomy would offer surgeons a chance to check for more serious problems and suggested that there may have been a recurrence of the kind of "benign" tumour removed from the Pope's colon in 1992.

The pontiff almost certainly will enter the Gemelli after his visit to France this week and the beatification of 13 Polish martyrs on October 6.

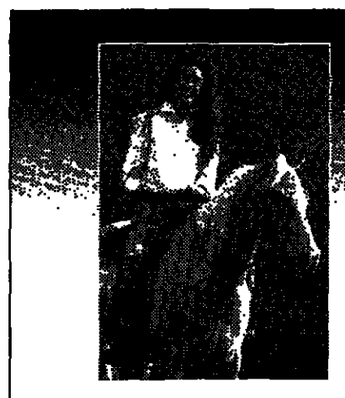
Hungary-Romania treaty boosts hopes of joining EU and Nato

FROM SEAN HILLEN IN TIMISOARA, ROMANIA

AS PROTESTERS waved banners in the streets, the Prime Ministers of Romania and Hungary signed an historic treaty in Timisoara yesterday, in which they agreed to respect each other's borders and protect the rights of the Hungarian minority in Transylvania.

The accord is seen by the two leaders, Nicolae Vacaroiu of Romania and Gyula Horn of Hungary, as a key step to European Union and Nato membership. The northern region of Romania, where six million ethnic Hungarians live, has been the focus of tensions for some years. Riots several years ago left three people dead and scores injured. The treaty comes after EU and Council of Europe recommendations that the Hungarian minority be allowed their own local administrations and education in their language. Territorial autonomy on ethnic lines is ruled out.

The treaty has drawn criticism from some Romanians and Hungarians. Gheorghe Funar, head of the Romanian National Unity Party, said it was "a sell-out encouraging Hungarian independence movements in Transylvania".



Bladder Discomfort?

Nicky finds a herbal remedy

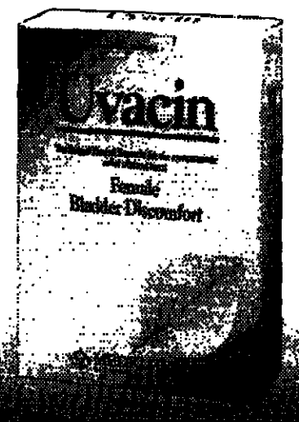
Nicky wouldn't miss riding for the world. But recently her fun was spoiled by a slight bladder problem.

"There's nothing that spoils your ride more, than bursting to go, with no loo in sight! When I did go, it used to sting, then I'd need to go again minutes later. Fortunately though, I was saved by Julie from the stables."

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Swiss open books on Nazi gold to prove 'our innocence or guilt'

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

THE Swiss Government yesterday backed a wide-ranging inquiry into all Nazi financial dealings with Switzerland, and there were indications that investigators may have to account for the whereabouts of SwFr1.2 billion in Nazi gold — much more than previously reported.

In an analysis of gold transactions, the Swiss National Bank said that it received SwFr1.63 billion of gold from the Reichsbank during the Second World War. The report, which was published in 1985, said that 428 million was left with the Bank for International Settlements and other financial institutions. The rest was sold to the National Bank.

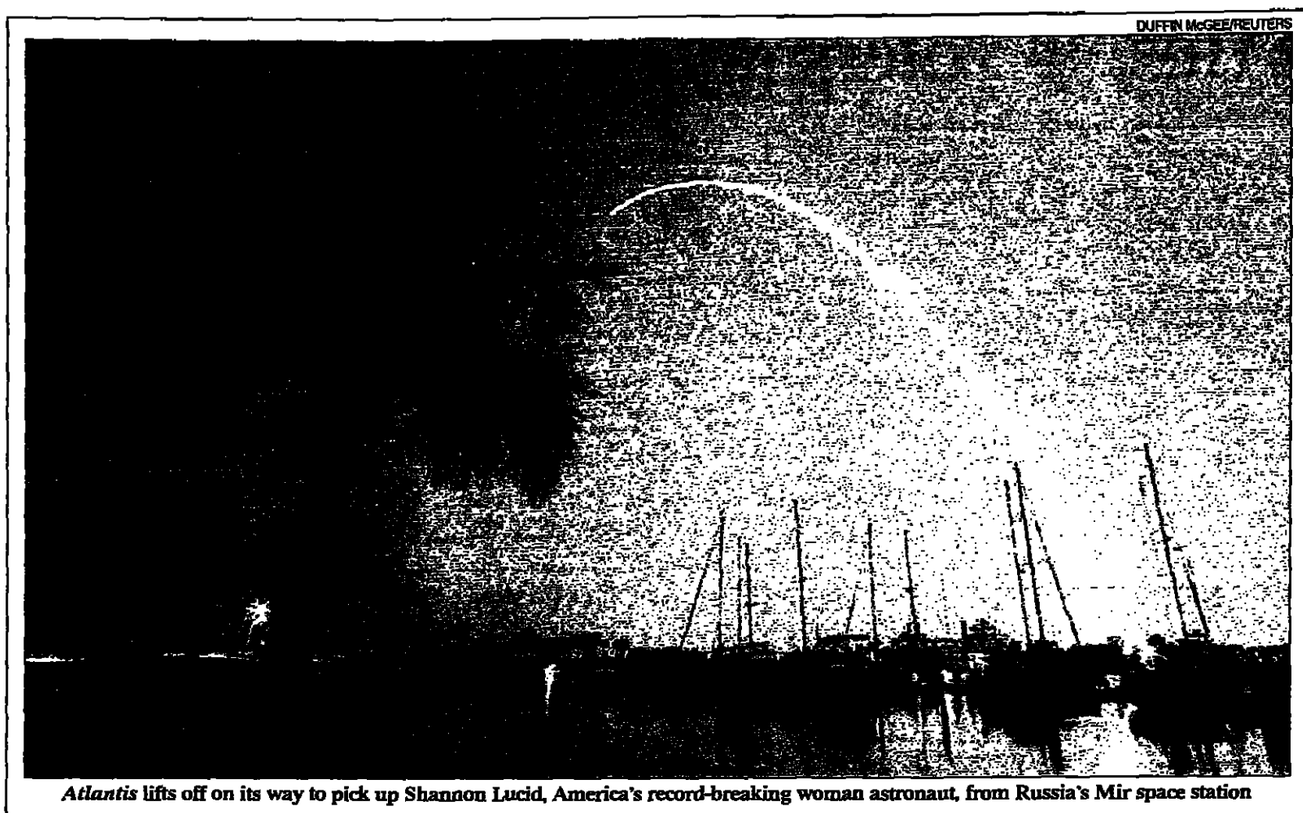
The figure is far greater than the SwFr500 million that a British Foreign Office report indicated might be outstanding after the Swiss made a reparation payment of SwFr250 million in 1946. "These are things that must be clarified," a National Bank spokesman said.

Flavio Cotti, the Swiss Foreign Minister, said he took the accusations launched in the British media very seriously. "We are called to prove our innocence or to admit our moral guilt, which some believe has already been established," he said. "These accusations have seriously damaged Switzerland's public image."

The Government promised to shed full light on dealings with Nazi Germany and said that its proposed investigation committee would undertake "definitive, exhaustive and transparent" research. "Even if the issue has been used in America for domestic political reasons against banks and Swiss financial institutions, the request of Jewish organisations is justified," it said in a statement.

The committee, which would have the power to suspend banking secrecy laws in the course of its inquiry, is widely expected to receive parliamentary approval before the end of the year. Hans Meyer, chairman of the National Bank, welcomed the inquiry. "We believe the operations did not mark a glorious moment in the bank's history," he said.

DUFFIN McGEE/REUTERS



Atlantis lifts off on its way to pick up Shannon Lucid, America's record-breaking woman astronaut, from Russia's Mir space station

Shuttle to bring home queen of the orbits

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE American space shuttle *Atlantis* blasted off yesterday to bring home the record-breaking woman astronaut Shannon Lucid, who has spent the last six months cooped up on Russia's Mir space station.

Mrs Lucid, who was to have returned to Earth almost two months ago, was excited about coming back to "cycling, feeling the wind in your face and the sun on your back".

The 53-year-old mother of three adult children also looked forward to falling into the arms of her husband, Michael, with whom she has communicated via computer e-mail, plus occasional telephone and video transmissions. By the time she returns on September 26, she will have set an endurance record for a woman of 188 days in orbit — her only company being two Russian cosmonauts, who helped her to adjust to life in space by offering her the occasional tot of vodka (an unknown luxury for American astronauts, who are not supplied with alcohol).



Lucid: wants to feel the wind in her hair again

"She is an outstanding person," said General Uri Glazkov, deputy commander of the Russian cosmonaut training academy. Before Mrs Lucid arrived on Mir, General Glazkov committed a minor gaffe by commenting that he knew women loved to clean, implying that she might usefully pack a duster for her space adventure. Any awkwardness soon passed. "Everybody loves her," said the general.

Mrs Lucid's return to Earth was delayed, first, by technical problems in early August and later by two hurricanes which threatened to blow the space shuttle off its launch pad.

Mrs Lucid, speaking to a television reporter via a satellite link, said she was "packed and ready" and fantasised about visiting bookshops and roller-skating with her daughters. "I miss my family most of all," she said with her customary grin.

Kuwait's delay in allowing build-up of US troops adds to Washington discomfort

Outmanoeuvred Clinton softens anti-Iraq line

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON, apparently outmanoeuvred by President Saddam Hussein, embarrassed by his allies and facing Republican attacks for a weak military strategy, backed away from previous bellicose pronouncements yesterday and said that America had sought no confrontation with Iraq.

As an aircraft carrier battle group arrived in the Red Sea to support other vessels, and squadrons of fighters and Stealth bombers sat ready on the tarmac at al-Jaber base in Kuwait, Mr Clinton declined to say whether the United States could avoid any further airstrikes. The President said: "We have sought no confrontation with Saddam Hussein. My concern is that we limit Saddam Hussein's ability to threaten his neighbours, that we do it with the no-fly zones and that we keep our pilots safe."

His comments came after an embarrassing delay for Washington after which the Kuwaiti Government finally agreed yesterday to allow thousands of additional American troops to be stationed on its territory.

The interruption in battle readiness from an ally America had saved from Saddam during the Gulf War had brought derision from Republicans the previous day, while Bob Dole, Mr Clinton's opponent in November, accused the White House yesterday of having a flawed policy.

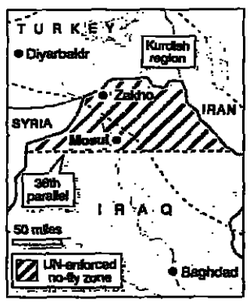
"I am not certain what the policy is in Iraq," Mr Dole said. "I think now he needs to define more precisely what our goal is, what we intend to do, why we are there, why we are spending money there, why we talk about sending 5,000 troops. And I do not believe he has communicated that yet."

On Friday, it had been announced that 5,000 troops would be sent from Fort Hood, Texas. Two days later the Pentagon said the figure should have been 3,000, but William Perry, the Defence Secretary, during a diplomatic visit to the Gulf, had been told that permission for the deployment to Kuwait would require the authority of the emirate's national defence committee.

The Kuwaiti Government, emphasising repeatedly that there had been no hesitation in approval, finally agreed yesterday to the deployment. "There was unanimous approval of all of the arrangements proposed by the United States to Kuwait that would preserve security and stability," Sheikh Saud Nasser al-Sabah, the Information Minister, said. "We would go to any extent to guarantee the security of Kuwait and to prevent the repetition of the 1990 Iraqi invasion."

Mr Perry, expected in London last night after his tour of the Gulf states and Turkey, appeared to have found little support in the Middle East for further airstrikes against Saddam. He had left Turkey without making any comment.

Saudi Arabia, America's most powerful Gulf ally, was said to have made clear that it did not back more attacks against Iraq or approve the further build-up of US military in the region.



Kurd aid workers fly to Guam

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN ZAKHO, IRAQ

A FIRST group of 600 Kurds who fear reprisals for their work with American aid groups in northern Iraq yesterday left Turkey for the Pacific island of Guam, the Anatolia news agency reported. The agency added that another 1,475 Kurds had crossed into Turkey for possible later airlifting to Guam from the city of Diyarbakir.

Francis Ricciardone, the US Embassy's chief of mission in Turkey, told reporters in Diyarbakir that the Kurds would be on Guam for from two to three months before being taken to America, where many of them want sanctuary.

Guam, a US possession in the western Pacific, has remote military complexes where Kurds who opposed President Saddam Hussein of Iraq while working for US agencies can be safely debriefed. They fled northern Iraq after the Kurdistan Democratic Party made an alliance with Saddam and took control of the area after routing the rival Patriotic Union of Kurdistan.

The refugees crossed into Turkey on Sunday, but plans for them to fly out that night were disrupted because of a technical fault in the aircraft they were to use.

Billions poured out to punish Saddam

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AMERICA'S military build-up to deter President Saddam Hussein from further aggression is turning into a multi-billion-dollar operation.

The bill for the fuel alone, needed to deploy the eight F117A Stealth fighters to Kuwait and to send B52s to the region, has already increased the overall cost by more than a billion dollars.

The non-stop 20-hour journey of eight Stealth fighters from Holloman air force base in New Mexico to Kuwait involved a dozen air refuelling tankers, a mixture of KC135s from McConnell air force base in Kansas and KC10s from McGuire air force base in New Jersey, according to a spokesman for the United States Air Mobility Command in Illinois.

Paul Beaver, a defence expert with the *Jane's* group, said the average cost of a combat aircraft in flight was about $15,000 (£10,000) an hour, excluding the pilot's salary. It costs $10 million (£6.5 million) to train a Stealth fighter pilot.

The two deployments of B52s would have cost even more. The spokesman for the Air Mobility Command which operates all the tankers for mid-air refuelling, said the two B52s which flew non-stop from Guam in the Pacific to mount a cruise missile attack on Iraqi air defence systems before flying straight back to Guam, used up 1.5 million pounds of fuel. Far more tankers were needed for the B52 operation than for the trip by the Stealth fighters, the spokesman said.

The two B52s also fired 13 AGM86C cruise missiles, each costing $1.2 million, according to the Pentagon.

Bob Dole, the US Republican presidential nominee, in an interview on ABC's *Good Morning America* programme, ridiculed the use of million-dollar missiles to attack what he said were $60,000 radars. "That's not very good economics," he said, adding that Iraq would apparently be able to repair the radars in three days.

COST OF OPERATION

The cost of operating a carrier battle group in the Gulf is $1 million a day, a spokesman for the US Navy said, although this does not involve additional costs, because the ships and 11,000 naval personnel would be on operational duty elsewhere if they were not in the Gulf region.

However, the ships have so far fired a total of 31 Tomahawk cruise missiles at Iraqi targets, each costing $600,000. Most of the cost of Operation Desert Strike, codename for the latest US mission against the Iraqi leader, is in addition to the annual bill for committing American military personnel and equipment to the US Central Command region that covers southwest Asia. Before the current operation, funds requested for 1996 totalled more than $490 million.



Deutch: CIA bill for Iraq is $100 million

Now the Pentagon is to add to the overall bill by sending about 3,000 additional troops to Kuwait to take part in an exercise codenamed Intrinsic Action. A spokesman for the Pentagon was unable to give the cost of the deployment.

The arrival of a second carrier battle group in the Gulf from the Adriatic will also double the daily cost of the naval operation. However, the Tarawa Amphibious Readiness Group, which has been in the Gulf in the last few weeks, has now moved away to the South Pacific.

The campaign against Saddam does not only involve the Pentagon. The CIA, under director John Deutch, has also been engaged in building up an organisation in northern Iraq in the last five years to engineer the downfall of the Iraqi dictator. The estimated cost of the CIA operation since the Gulf War ended in 1991 is about $100 million.

With the CIA's abrupt departure from the region last week, following the advance of Iraqi forces into Arbil, headquarters of the CIA-run organisation, the huge sums of money appear to have had meagre returns.

Two years ago the CIA installed a team of intelligence officers in four rented houses overlooking Arbil and filled it with communications systems and other equipment, to provide back-up for the Iraqi National Congress, then the main anti-Saddam group.

The congress spread anti-Saddam propaganda, using leaflets, books and radio and television broadcasts. However, it has not been involved in any significant military operations against Saddam.

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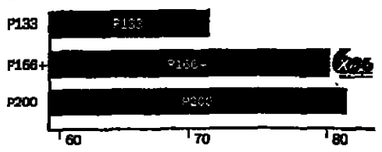
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Israel border alert as Syria moves troops from Beirut

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER AT TZIPOREN OUTPOST, ISRAELI-LEBANON BORDER

ANXIETY and tension were mounting yesterday along the troubled Israeli-Lebanon border as Israeli military commanders tried to interpret large-scale movements of Syrian troops based in Lebanon.

Ehud Barak, the former chief of staff and former Labour Foreign Minister, told Israel radio he "did not understand" the movements, which have involved about 12,000 men of the 40,000-strong force. He warned Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, to be cautious in his reaction.

According to Lebanese security sources, the thousands of Syrian soldiers have begun redeploying out of Beirut towards the Syrian border, due to a perceived threat of a sudden Israeli attack. Most of the heavily armed troops who have moved eastwards have taken up positions in the mountain range along the Syrian border where Syrian Sam-7 anti-aircraft missiles and anti-aircraft gun batteries are installed.

The tension has been exacerbated by Syria's blank refusal to restart peace talks stalled since February due to the refusal of Mr Netanyahu, subsequently elected in May, to consider handing back the whole of the Golan Heights, occupied since 1967.

There has also been a threat by Hezbollah (the Party of God) to resume full-scale suicide attacks against Israeli troops occupying a Lebanese buffer zone.

Yesterday, one official source told Western reporters being conducted on a rare tour of Israeli artillery and other military positions along the exstensively mined border with Lebanon: "We are taking seriously enough what has happened to the Syrian troops in Lebanon and other areas. In the area under my control, we are looking and searching for the new locations."

> "There is a prospect of limited conflict in the area around Mount Hermon"

For the second day in succession, heavily censored stories about the mystery Syrian troop movements and Israel's military response dominated yesterday's Israeli press.

One Israeli defence source was quoted in the Hebrew press as giving a warning of the danger of a "limited conflict" being fought in the vicinity of Mount Hermon in the Golan Heights where Syrian military engineers have recently been observed digging widescale defensive positions.

According to the Israeli Army, the sensitivity of the military situation between Israel and Syria nearly led to the cancellation of yesterday's trip for the members of the Foreign Press Association which has been planned for weeks.

Journalists were asked to direct all questions about Syria to "the political echelon" and no senior officers could be quoted. The unexplained Syrian troop movements — seen by some Israeli officials as a dangerous gambit by Damascus to try to break the logjam in the peace process — began last month when the Syrians left a number of positions in the central Lebanese mountains in what Lebanese officials insisted was "a defensive redeployment".

Bibles take a bashing in US hotels

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

NEARLY a quarter of hotel guests in the United States use the Bible that is traditionally left in bedside-table drawers. But not all heed the Eighth Commandment, because one in six good books goes missing during a normal year.

A survey of hotel guests found that Bible-reading, which 23 per cent of people said they did during their stays, was almost as high as the use of the hotel mini-bar (26 per cent).

A member of the Gideons organisation, which places more than a million Bibles in American hotels a year, suggested that the reason so many vanished may be because readers became engrossed in them.

Only 43 per cent of guests who answered the Fodor's Travel Publications survey said that they ate the bedtime mint usually left on the pillow by the management. Some 31 per cent admitted taking home the hotel bathroom soap and bottled lotions, and 4 per cent said they stole towels.

One per cent admitted using hotels for affairs, but 59 per cent checked for clean sheets before going to bed.

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Child slaves 'used by West Africans to appease spirits'

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

TENS of thousands of pre-teen girls are being kept as unpaid servants and sex slaves by West African voodoo priests to pay for the sins of their families against traditional gods and spirits.

According to a report published yesterday by Australia's Anti-Slavery Society, up to 35,000 virgin girls as young as eight in Ghana, Benin, Togo and Nigeria have been given to "fetish priests" who treat them like serfs and often rape them.

"Originally offered as human sacrifice to ensure success in war, these girls are the helpless victims of a traditional form of slavery in which they are known locally as 'fetish slaves'," the report said.

"The girls are offered as slaves in order to appease the gods and to atone for wrongs committed by their relatives, usually male relations," said the report *The Forgotten Girl-Slaves of West Africa*.

Most of the girl slaves have been found in Ghana's south-western regions where the voodoo practices originating in Benin take place alongside Christianity and Islam.

Paul Bravender-Coyle, the author of the report, was invited to Ghana by a group of charities to investigate the problem last year, and to highlight the need for Western funding to provide education and training for the slaves, known as *trokosi*.

He said that many of the *trokosi* have two or three children by their priest masters, and are denied access to education so they are unable to fend for themselves when released from their "indenture" after between three and five years.

Unlike the radical Islamic Government of Sudan, which turns a blind eye to the enslavement of Christians, the Ghanaian Government has been anxious to stamp out child slavery. The children, invariably virgins, are offered at a shrine after a run of bad luck, disease, or a series of deaths in a clan. They are expected to stay with priests from the age of about eight up to 15 and sometimes much longer.

Valerie Sackey, the Lancashire-born personal assistant and adviser to President Rawlings of Ghana, said yesterday that the practice violated the constitutional rights of children. "But it is very difficult to stop. When people believe that they have offended their gods or their ancestor spirits, they will often turn to *trokosi* as a solution," she said.

Many former slaves have to remain with the priests after serving the time agreed by their families because they are cut off from any other means of survival. One 86-year-old woman quoted in the report said that she had been a slave her entire life.

Betty Akuffo-Amoabeng, executive secretary of Ghana's National Commission on Children, said yesterday that using excessive force to break the tradition would only drive it underground.

"We have to be careful to contain the problem within our own borders, or parents will simply take their children to neighbouring countries to give them to priests. Then there will be no chance of getting them back," she said.

Beliefs in traditional rituals and the spirit world permeate the highest levels of most West African societies, making it difficult to convince rural peasants to give up the *trokosi* practice.

President Rawlings recently told *The Times* that, if he wanted to get the truth out of high-ranking officials, he had found it was often useless to make them take an oath on the Bible. "But drag them to a shrine, and brother, they'll come clean," he said.

Ghana's more enlightened fetish priests have agreed to try to prevent families from handing over their daughters to atone for sins they fear they may have committed, and instead offering a goat.

Children's rights groups have offered funding for poor families to pay for goats, which are considered a better asset than a daughter, and are trying to raise money to educate the youngsters so they can earn a living if and when they are released.

☐ **Kampala:** A five-day pan-African conference of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent national societies to discuss how best to cope with conflicts, natural disasters and the increasing number of refugees across the continent will open in the Ugandan capital next Monday.

"We have problems in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Liberia and Somalia and it's a million-dollar question as to what solution we shall have to employ," Peter Oryema, secretary-general of the Uganda Red Cross, said yesterday. The conference would also consider how to reduce dependence on foreign aid. *(AP)*



Ellen DeGeneres, the star of ABC television's *Ellen* sitcom, who is said to be considering whether the character she plays should "come out" as a lesbian

Disney weighs risks of outing sitcom character as lesbian

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

DISNEY executives must decide if Middle America, usually held to be more conservative than the coastal conurbations, is ready for a leading television sitcom character to "come out" as a lesbian.

Ellen DeGeneres, the star of ABC television's *Ellen* show (which is shown on Channel 4 in Britain), was said by her agent to be "trying to break new ground and do something that hasn't been done before on television" — namely, to present her popular character as homosexual.

ABC is owned by the Walt Disney group, traditionally a champion of family values, and the programme is made by a Disney offshoot, Touchstone Productions. Disney is reluctant to be seen controlling a subsidiary but faces fallout if *Ellen* does turn gay.

In the programme, Ellen is a self-deprecating bookshop manageress who has a succession of unfruitful romances with men.

Killer accuses his apartheid security bosses

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN PRETORIA

EUGENE DE KOCK, a former police colonel convicted of multiple murder and other crimes, yesterday appealed for leniency, saying he was only following the orders of his apartheid masters when he assassinated black opponents of the Government.

It was the first time Colonel de Kock, who once described himself as apartheid's "most effective" assassin, had taken the stand in Pretoria's Supreme Court during the marathon 18-month trial of apartheid era death squads. His explosive testimony is expected to implicate several former apartheid security chiefs and politicians.

Dubbed "prime evil" by police colleagues, the 48-year-old former commander headed a notorious death squad based at Vlakplaas, near Pretoria, that hunted down black liberation fighters. He began testimony in mitigation of the life sentence he is facing after his conviction last month on 89 of 121 charges, including six murders, two of conspiracy to murder and more than 80 of fraud and gun-running.

Wearing a grey suit that reflected his grim demeanour, the colonel sat in the wooden dock, shoulders hunched, and peering towards the judge through thick-rimmed glasses and spoke softly as he told how the brutality of guerrilla warfare turned him into hardened killer.

He named several superiors who gave orders for his "dirty tricks" operations. At one stage he mentioned that P.W. Botha, the former President, knew about a raid in Lesotho, and his evidence could result in further trials.

Although the trial deals primarily with the colonel's criminal activities, he gave notice that by exposing the spectrum of their activities he intends to convince the court that he and his colleagues were driven by a mixture of right-wing doctrine and stress sustained during counter-insurgency and merely followed instructions from above.

Inside the packed courtroom white-haired men in khaki shorts huddled on benches alongside black men in sharp suits behind Sydney Mufamadi, the Safety and Security Minister, and other government representatives. They listened spellbound as the colonel, speaking in Afrikaans, gave an intriguing insight into the psychological make-up of a state assassin.

He told how he was brought up in a religious household by a father who was a staunch supporter of the former ruling National Party and recalled how he was transformed into a brutal killer during his early career fighting in the bush war in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) where he learnt that "you shoot first and ask questions later".

Delving into the unconventional campaign against Swapo guerrillas in Namibia, where he used silenced weapons, he said that on his first operations he killed six members of the African National Congress, even though there were only two intended targets, and was decorated by a National Party minister afterwards.

De Kock, who once split a man's skull with a spade, on one notorious occasion sent his men to dispose of the body of a suspect who died in police custody by blowing up the corpse.

Lawyers for de Kock, who had to take a short break for medication, claim he now suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder. "At one stage I was too scared to go to sleep," he told Judge Willem van der Merwe. "I would have nightmares of fights."



De Kock: boasted he was an effective killer

Sweat of millions pays Indian parents' debts

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA has at least 15 million child bonded labourers — "virtual slaves" — according to a study by Human Rights Watch published at the weekend. They are held in servitude to pay off parents' or guardians' debts of as little as £9; bond masters pay around £36 for them.

The report was published as India's donor community began meeting in Tokyo yesterday. Human Rights Watch urged donors to ensure that their aid did not perpetuate child bonded labour. "Twenty years after the Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act, 1976, became law in India, employers continue to purchase children as virtual slave labour in agriculture and a wide range of industries," it said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Most French 'support Front ideas'

Paris: Most French people — 51 per cent — share the extreme right-wing ideas of the National Front, according to an opinion poll published yesterday by the left-wing *Libération* newspaper that will send shockwaves through the country's political class.

Killers sought

Brussels: International arrest warrants have been issued for two alleged assassins of André Cools, a former Belgian Socialist minister, in 1991, BRTN radio said. The Tunisian pair fled to Sicily. *(Reuter)*

Mayor killed

Ankara: Nusret Ozyurt, the Muslim mayor of Persembe, a Black Sea town, was shot dead by the owner of a pub he had closed for selling alcohol, the Anatolia news agency said. The assailant fled. *(AFP)*

Fatal jobs race

Bhubaneshwar, India: Four youths competing for jobs as police constables died in eastern India after running in a five-mile race in midday temperatures of up to 104F (40C), officials said. *(Reuter)*

Teresa in fall

Calcutta: Mother Teresa suffered a minor injury to her head in a fall. Her condition was not serious, a Calcutta hospital said. She left hospital 11 days ago after treatment for heart problems. *(Reuter)*

Whitewater call for prostitute's diary

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE pillow talk that cost President Clinton his chief campaign strategist echoed through the White House yesterday as a prostitute's potentially damaging diaries were subpoenaed by prosecutors investigating the First Family.

Details of a journal kept by Sherry Rowlands of her year-long affair with Dick Morris, the presidential campaign guru, have been requested as part of further inquiries into the myriad scandals surrounding Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary.

Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel on Whitewater, is said to be interested in a claim by the $200-an-hour prostitute that she had been told Mrs Clinton was the catalyst behind the illegal gathering of *FBI background files on hundreds* of Republicans by White House aides.

According to *Newsweek*, Ms Rowlands and Mr Morris are expected to give evidence before Mr Starr, and it appears also that the strategist's records may have been subpoenaed. The demands by Mr Starr come less than a week after Mr Morris sent congressional investigators a sworn statement denying allegations by Ms Rowlands in which she claimed he had blamed the files affair on a "paranoid" Mrs Clinton. Mr Starr's move is a signal that the independent counsel is refusing to accept Mr Morris's statement and intends to resolve the emerging contradictions surrounding the affair conducted at the Jefferson Hotel in Washington. The prostitute has also said that Mr Morris told her of his advice to the President to limit damage over Whitewater. He is said to have told Mr Clinton to distance himself from a First Lady who might be indicted.

The diary was reported yesterday to have been subpoenaed last week. Ms Rowlands has yet to surrender it, but her lawyer has indicated that she will co-operate.

In a June entry, serialised in *Star* magazine, Ms Rowlands said that the political consultant had specifically mentioned the files affair during one of their meetings.

"I asked him who was behind ordering the FBI files on Republicans in the Filegate scandal. He said, 'It was Hillary in 1993. She's a paranoid lady — she did it,'" Ms Rowlands wrote. "I said, 'Doesn't that create a lot of ripples?' He said, 'Yeah, the Hillary twister.'"



Rowlands: her lawyer says she will co-operate

Bid for new UN chief intensifies

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE new session of the United Nations General Assembly starting today will be dominated by the search for a new Secretary-General who can rescue the organisation from oblivion.

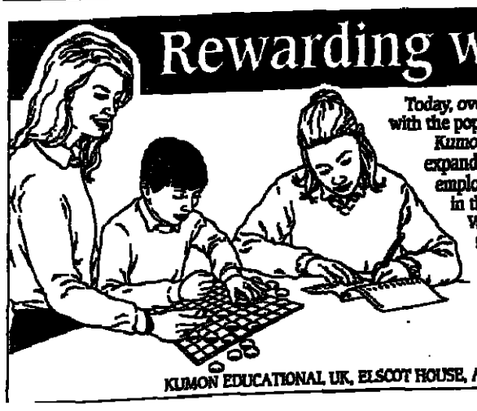
Boutros Boutros Ghali is trying to cling to power with a second five-year spell despite his earlier pledge to serve only one term in office. But America has made clear that it will use its veto at the 15-nation Security Council to block Dr Boutros Ghali's re-election when his term expires at the end of the year, and the hunt is on for a successor.

The race began officially this month when Niger circulated a diplomatic note proposing its former Foreign Minister, Hamid Algabid. Although he is the Secretary-General of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, Mr Algabid is given little chance at the UN — not least because he is said to speak only faltering English.

With no clear front-runner yet emerging, UN insiders calculate that the next Secretary-General will probably either be an African — since Africa is by convention due a second term — or a woman whose gender can trump geographical considerations.

Many are waiting for President Mandela of South Africa to tip his hand. A hero at the UN for his struggle against apartheid, he has the ability to act as kingmaker in choosing an African successor to Dr Boutros Ghali.

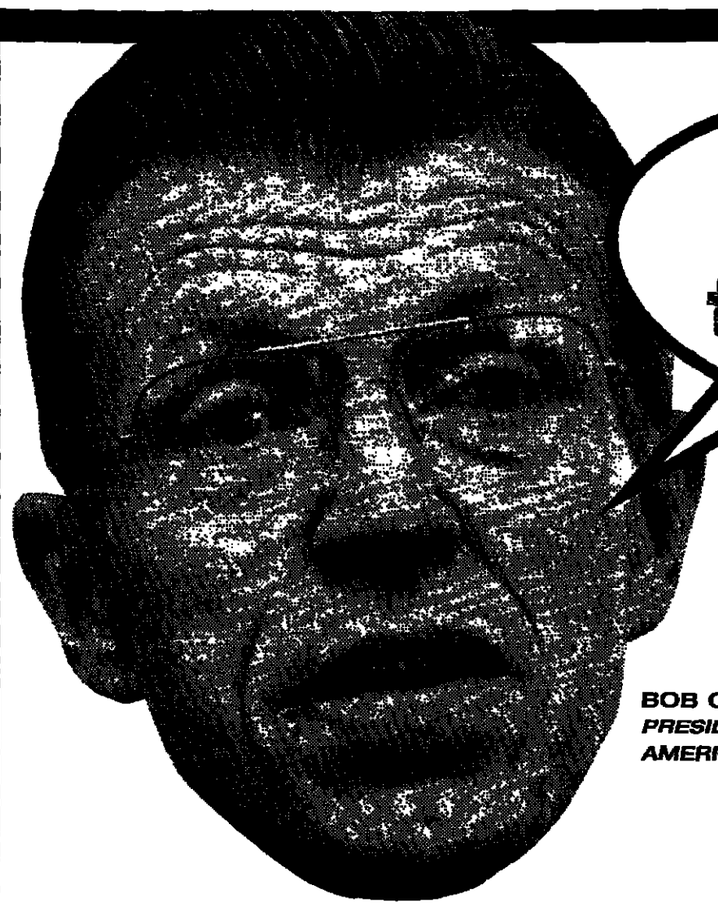



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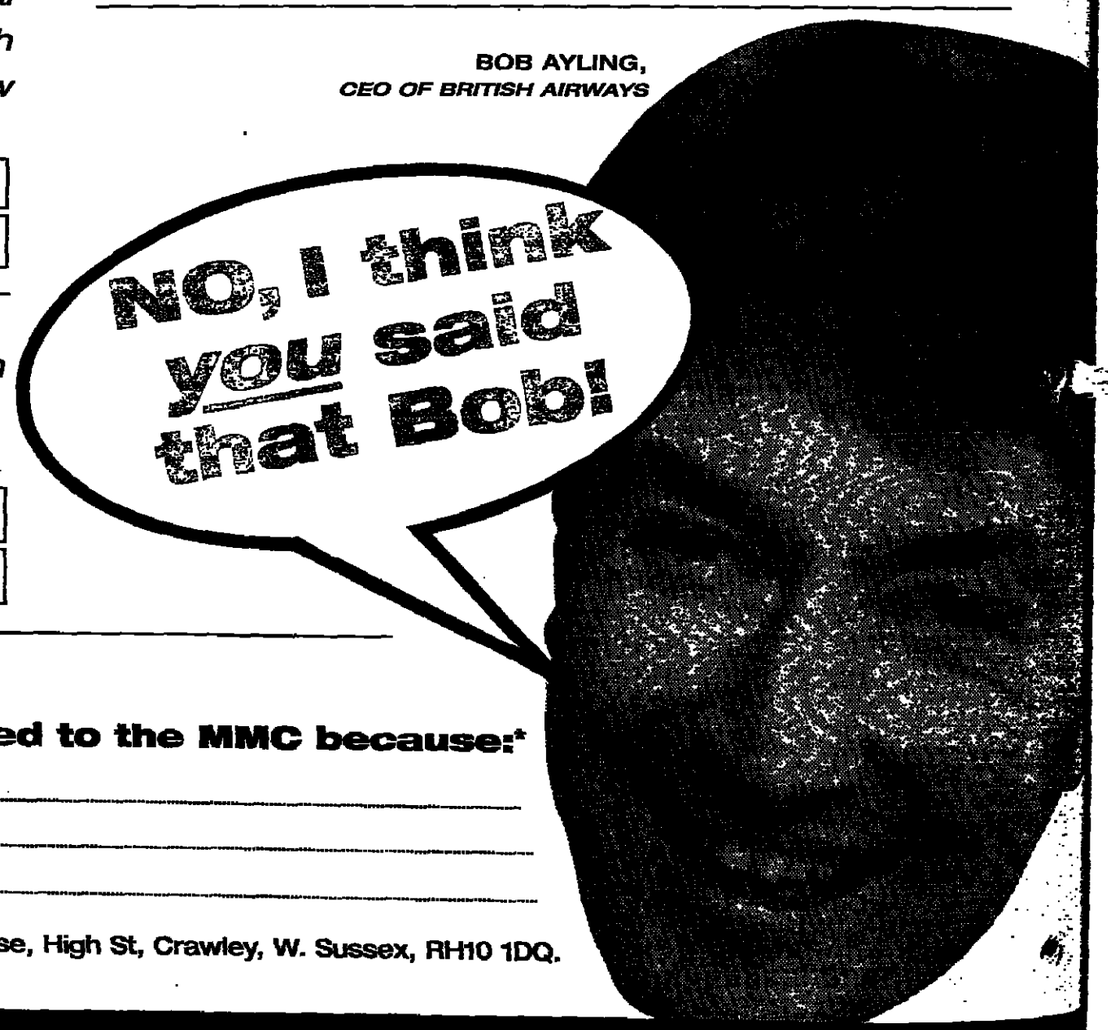
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Governor says City does not need euro

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, said yesterday that the City of London will thrive whether Britain joins a single European currency or not.

Speaking at the launch of the Bank's second quarterly report on technical preparations for a single currency, the Governor said that, as with any major change, there are risks and opportunities. But he added: "There is no doubt that, provided people are prepared, as we will be, the opportunities far outweigh the risks whether Britain is in or out." He was responding to concerns expressed recently by British business that the City of London will lose its position as Europe's leading financial centre if Britain continues to opt out of the single currency. Some have speculated that thousands of jobs could be lost.

When pressed, Mr George said that it was, in reality, difficult to identify any real risks for the City. He noted that London's financial centre is larger than the other European centres put together and is renowned for its expertise and sophistication. He added: "The City is an international centre not just a European one. We provide the links between Tokyo and New York on a scale quite disproportionate to our size."

He noted that many European banks are still choosing to base large operations in London despite their assumption that Britain will continue to opt out of a single currency and that this must be proof that London will not suffer.

The main message of yesterday's new report *Practical Issues Arising from the Introduction of the Euro* was that the financial community will be ready for the introduction of the single currency in 1999. Mr George said that efforts to gear up for trading the euro had intensified since the Bank's last technical report in May, partly because there was a realisation that a core of European countries would, in all likelihood, proceed to a single currency.

But Mr George also took the opportunity yesterday to warn against any attempt to fudge the Maastricht economic convergence criteria. He said that shepherding some countries through the single currency door even if they had not met the criteria would be unacceptable creative accounting in his view.

His comments coincided with another broadside on the single currency issue from British business. Thirteen senior British businessmen wrote to *The Daily Telegraph* urging the Prime Minister to spell out the dangers of early entry into a monetary union. This was in answer to a letter in *The Financial Times* ten days ago, signed by 15 leading companies, that warned the Government against self-imposed exclusion from the debate on monetary union.

Mr George was also speaking just before today's key Franco-German economic meeting, which will consider efforts to cut budget deficits and other issues on the road to a single currency. There has been speculation in the financial markets of a secret deal to soften the Maastricht criteria to ensure that France qualifies, and yesterday Klaus Kinkel, Germany's Foreign Minister, was moved to deny such talk. He said that there was no question of any divergence from the convergence criteria and that rumours of such considerations were totally baseless.

The Franco-German meeting comes a day before France details its 1997 Budget, the year which will determine whether it meets the Maastricht criteria. The next focus for followers of the European debate will then be Friday, when an informal meeting of European finance ministers convenes in Dublin and is expected to concentrate on EMU-related issues.

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Dorling Kindersley pleased the City with a 37 per cent rise in full-year profits to £17.4 million on booming sales of illustrated reference books and CD-Roms. The company now plans its biggest single book project, an encyclopaedia of garden plants, after successes with dogs and cookery. Page 26

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Yield	3.91%	
FT-SE A All share	1961.01	(+4.25)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	5873.29	(+34.77)*
S&P Composite	684.12	(+3.58)*

US RATES

Federal Funds	5 5/16%*	(5 1/4%)
Long Bond	97 16/32*	(97 6/32)
Yield	6.96%*	(6.95%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	5 5/8	(5 7/16)
Life long gilt future (Dec)	107 28/32	(107 28/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5567*	(1.5555)
London:		
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DM	2.3600	(2.3509)
FFr	8.0049	(8.0169)
SFr	1.9302	(1.9287)
Yen	171.82	(171.65)
£ Index	86.1	(86.2)

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London:		
DM	1.5105*	(1.5140)
FFr	5.1310*	(5.1573)
SFr	1.2390*	(1.2438)
Yen	110.15*	(110.48)
$ Index	97.2	(97.3)

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Brent 15-day (Nov)	$21.75	(n/a)

GOLD

London close	$382.70	($383.05)

* denotes midday trading price

Quick sale unlikely for Signet

BY MARTIN BARROW

ATTEMPTS by Signet, the jewellery company formerly known as Ratner, to sell its UK retail business appear to have stalled.

The company said that discussions have taken place with a number of interested parties and were still continuing "with one potential purchaser". However, the company was unable to present concrete proposals to shareholders yesterday, disappointing investors who had hoped a deal was imminent.

Yesterday Signet, which also owns H Samuel, said losses were reduced to £6 million before tax from £21.3 million in the six months to August 3. Sales increased to £369.6 million from £344.9 million. Net debt stood at £306.1 million after a reduction of £36.8 million year-on-year.

Independent bids in New Zealand

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

INDEPENDENT Newspapers, Ireland's largest media group, said that it would spend up to Ir£442 million on a New Zealand publishing company, in an effort to broaden and develop its international composition.

Independent Press Communications Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tony O'Reilly's Independent newspaper group, offered NZ$10.50 (£4.70) a share for Wilson & Horton, the Auckland-based newspaper and magazine company.

Wilson & Horton also holds a one-third share in the consortium that last year bought New Zealand's commercial radio stations.

The bid is the biggest made by Independent. The company's last large-scale acquisition, in May 1995, was a 22 per cent holding in Wilson & Horton. Other companies linked to Doctor O'Reilly control a further 22 per cent of the New Zealand group.

Analysts said that the move to gain full control of the company was typical of Doctor O'Reilly, but that the timing of the bid had taken the market by surprise.

Michael Walls, the chairman of IPCL, said that Wilson & Horton's main attraction was its newspaper business: "The major focus, if you look at our group worldwide and at the business of Wilson & Horton, is on the printed medium. We think it's got a long way to go and is far from being a spent medium."

The offer is conditional on the approval of Independent Newspapers shareholders, who will vote at an extraordinary meeting on October 4.

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Mirror's chief nets £1m

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

MIRROR GROUP, the media company, revealed yesterday that David Montgomery, chief executive, had netted £1.1 million by cashing in 550,000 shares in the company.

Mr Montgomery made a profit of £608,000 by converting options granted at 61p and then selling at 213p. He also sold a further 150,000 of his existing shares at the same price.

The dealings were made on Friday and notified to the market yesterday. Mr Montgomery is understood to have made the share disposals to raise funds to meet moving costs.

Mr Montgomery, who was paid a total of £473,000 last year, still holds 580,000 options granted at 61p and a further 164,000 at 213p. He also continues to own 51,000 ordinary shares.

Reed approach for Blenheim

BY JASON NISSÉ

REED ELSEVIER, the Anglo-Dutch media group, has made a bid approach to Blenheim Group, valuing the exhibitions concern at around £480 million. However Blenheim has given strong hints that it may reject the offer as too low.

Blenheim announced yesterday that it had received an approach "at a level which the board has previously rejected". The news forced Blenheim shares, which in recent months have been as high as 470p and as low as 340p, up 52½p to 420p.

Reed has been identified as the bidder and a price of 480p a share, valuing the group at around £480 million, has emerged from the negotiations. However, Neville Buch, Blenheim's chairman, is understood to want as much as 550p a share.

In addition, there was some confusion over Blenheim's comment about rejecting a previous approach. The group was in talks with United News & Media, but it is understood that nobody at United remembers indicating it would pay as much as 480p a share for Blenheim or even making a firm indication of an offer.

The talks broke down a month ago, with United sources claiming it had not received the answers to a number of outstanding questions it had about Blenheim's financial performance.

Reed is one of Blenheim's main competitors in the exhibitions market, particularly in France, where two of Blenheim's biggest shows are situated. Reed's French business is run by Bernard Becker, formerly managing director of Blenheim in France and a main board director of the group.

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BSE crisis costs Dalgety over £15m

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

DALGETY, the petfood giant that owns Spillers and Felix, said yesterday that the BSE crisis had cost it more than £15 million.

The company made a pre-tax profit, excluding one-off items, of £101.9 million, 20 per cent below last year's £127.1 million. Including one-off items, profits were £89.6 million in the year ended June 30, compared with £93.7 million a year earlier.

Richard Clothier, chief executive, said: "This year has been exceptionally challenging for Dalgety. A steep rise in raw material costs and the BSE crisis seriously affected four of our five businesses. In addition, UK petfoods performed below expectations due to lower sales volumes."

He said that he remained confident of improved growth "subject to the uncertain effect of BSE on petfood exports and cattle feed".

The market for petfoods in the UK has continued to shrink and Spillers has lost market share, particularly in dogfood, he said. On the other hand, Felix catfood, which Dalgety acquired from Quaker Oats last year, became the leading canned catfood in the UK, with 26 per cent of the market.

Catfood contamination in The Netherlands that killed 330 cats cost Dalgety £5 million, he said, and its market share there has shrunk. A Dutch supplier was blamed for the incident.

Other one-off charges included £52.7 million for reorganising Quaker Petfoods, closing four factories and cutting jobs in Europe. A further £10.9 million was taken for revaluing property.

Mr Clothier said that improving dividend cover was a priority for the group.

The final dividend of 13.5p per share means the full-year dividend is maintained at 22p, but it is not quite covered. Earnings per share stayed at 20.4p. Mr Clothier added: "I would feel much more comfortable when we achieve a cover of say 1.5 times."

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Clothier: challenging year

RAM slumps to £6m loss

BY JON ASHWORTH

ROTHSCHILD Asset Management (RAM), the fund management arm of NM Rothschild, crashed to a pre-tax loss of £6.1 million in the year to March 31.

Trading losses accounted for about half the loss, which came in the period leading up to the death in July of Amschel Rothschild, head of RAM's London office. The rest of the deficit was attributed to heavy investment in computers, and to reorganisational costs.

RAM said trading returned to profit in the first five months of the current financial year. The fund management group made a profit of £3.6 million in the year to March 31, 1994, then dipped to a loss of £471,000 in 1995, according to figures filed at Companies House. Some £3 million has been spent bringing RAM's various offices together under a new umbrella company, RAM BV, based in The Netherlands, and run by Baron Eric de Rothschild, part of the French side of the clan. Offices in London, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Paris, Australia, Switzerland, New York and Hong Kong, were formerly run as a loose confederation of units.

RAM said no decision had been taken on whether to replace Amschel Rothschild, Peter Troughton, brought in as chief executive in London last year, has assumed day-to-day running of the group. RAM has $28 billion under management worldwide. Of $18 billion under management in the UK, $14 billion is held for institutional investors and $4 billion for private investors.

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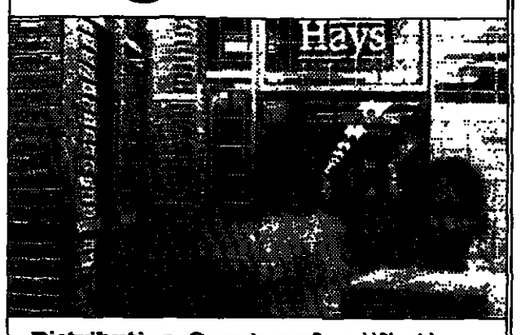
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Results for the year ended 30 June 1996

Group operating profit grew by 20% on a total revenue increase of 19%; an excellent result in an uncertain European economic environment. All three core activities contributed to this result.

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In our Commercial businesses there has been substantial growth, particularly with the Document Exchange continuing its expansion into new markets. Hays Information Management maintained its excellent progress, both in the UK and overseas. Hays Express Services continued its growth with progress into new business sectors.

Personnel continues to build on last year's excellent progress. The use of contract staff continues to grow in the accounting, building, banking and IT areas. Enhanced IT support enabled a substantial improvement in operating margins.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
for the year ended 30 June 1996

	1995	1996	% Change
Profit before tax	£110.3m	£132.0m	+20
Earnings per ordinary share	18.7p	22.3p	+19
Net dividend per ordinary share	7.0p	8.1p	+16

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Analysts fear payout cut at English China Clays

By Paul Durman

FEARS that English China Clays may have to cut its dividend grew stronger yesterday as the company reported weak profits and the first sketchy conclusions from its continuing strategic review.

The poor figures prompted Standard & Poor's, the credit-rating agency, to consider downgrading the A+ and A-1 ratings that it gives ECC's debt.

Analysts were disappointed that ECC was unable to give more details of the changes on which it is working with the help of McKinsey, the management consultants. ECC hopes to cut £30 million from the annual costs of running its kaolin business, supplier of coatings to the paper industry. However, it could not spell out the costs of implementing these cuts.

ECC is maintaining its interim dividend at 5.5p a share, but it is making no promises about the final. Charles Pick, analyst at Panmure Gordon, is among those expecting a cut. He believes the full-year payment may fall to 11p, against 16.7p last year.

Sharply falling sales to the paper industry, escalating costs and an £18.6 million write-down of the value of businesses in Europe, the Pacific and Brazil cut ECC's pre-tax profits in the first half to just £5.7 million. In the same period last year it made £55.3 million.

After tax, this produced a loss to shareholders of £2.7 million, compared with a profit of £37.5 million last year. The loss per share was 0.86p (earnings of 12.27p).

Although badly hit by stock run-downs by paper manufacturers, the company also ran up significant additional costs because of manufacturing problems at its kaolin operation in Georgia. Profits at ECC Americas/Pacific fell from £19.5 million to £12.1 million, while the contribution from ECC Europe tumbled from £33.2 million to £21.5 million.

Calgon, the speciality chemicals business, lost several million pounds on a mammoth global contract to supply Scott Paper after making a mess of final negotiations. Calgon slipped to profits of £1 million (£6.6 million).

Dennis Rediker, ECC chief executive, has installed new management at Calgon, who, he believes, will deliver a "dramatic change" in its results over the next 18 months.

Mr Pick said some of ECC's problems are self-inflicted: "They put the final dividend up in March even though the paper industry was already affected by a fairly savage downturn. It was only a few months ago that they were pinning their hopes on the Scott Paper contract."

ECC said second-half trading is so far not showing any marked improvement.

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Morgan Grenfell exposure 'limited'

By Jon Ashworth

MORGAN GRENFELL Asset Management has admitted that investors across its range of funds were exposed to the trading activities of Peter Young, the suspended fund manager. But the group says exposure was limited to holders of personal equity plans (Peps), who have been given the option to switch into other funds, or withdraw their investments entirely.

Pep-holders in the Morgan Grenfell managed portfolio potentially had up to 8 to 10 per cent of their holdings invested in the European Growth Trust. The company said an internal investigation into Mr Young's activities was expected to last four to six weeks. A separate inquiry is being conducted by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation. Questions remain over the future of Keith Percy, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, Glyn Owen, chief investment officer, and Mike Wheatley, compliance director of fund management business.

Mr Young remains on suspension while investigations continue. He was suspended after the discovery that he had built secret holdings of unlisted European technology stocks through a web of Luxembourg-based companies. The Serious Fraud Office is understood to be monitoring the situation, and has yet to decide on whether to mount an inquiry.

Deutsche Bank, which owns Morgan Grenfell, has injected £180 million to cover potential exposure to the unlisted securities. The bank is considering moving responsibility for its UK unit trust business from London to Frankfurt.

Liffe takes on new meaning with merger

By Oliver August



Robin Woodhead, left, and Jack Wigglesworth

"LIFFE gets physical," said the slogan on the red, yellow and blue badges handed out to futures traders in London yesterday morning.

The badges symbolised the absorption of the London Commodity Exchange, where Robin Woodhead is chief executive, into the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, or Liffe, of which Jack Wigglesworth is chairman. Since yesterday, pork bellies and FT-SE contracts are traded on the same floor.

The merger, clinched this year, rescued the small 40-year-old Commodity Exchange from a likely US takeover. Participants hope that the move will take advantage of the dismantling of farm price controls across Europe, which may stimulate trading in grains.

To the amusement of many, the commodity men had to put on lurid jackets, colour-coded to identify the firm they work for. These garments are standard issue in the frantic open outcry pits at Liffe, which is based on its famous American counterpart.

The first day's trading was uninterrupted and smooth, while overall volume reached a moderate 6,828 lots. At the end of trade, Reuters reported: "Liffe cocoa futures retraced from the day's highs on profit-taking but prices still ended slightly higher and traders said the upside potential remained intact."

But nostalgia for the slower pace of the old commodities floor was undiminished. In the old coffee ring, "business could have been done blindfolded", sighed one Commodities Exchange veteran. "Everyone knows everyone else's grandparents."

Greenhills loses chosen advisers

By Jason Nisse

BRIAN COPSEY, who owns 10 per cent of Greenhills, the troubled leisure group, vowed to put the company on an even keel yesterday after Neill Clerk Capital, its nominated financial advisers, resigned following a Stock Exchange investigation.

Mr Copsey, formerly finance director of Gestetner, said that new advisers should be announced within a couple of days. This, he said, would be followed by the reverse takeover of Browns Club, the central London celebrity nightspot.

Neill Clerk resigned yesterday after Greenhills was forced to admit it had not announced three pieces of information, deemed by the Stock Exchange to be price sensitive, after the Exchange investigated the company. Greenhill shares, which trade on the Alternative Investment Market, have been suspended.

The information Greenhills omitted to pass on was that a company controlled by John Gilbert, a director of the group, fitted out the company's Thunder Road restaurant in the West End of London; a contract to distribute Russian Dawn vodka would not be proceeding; and Tussauds Group has pulled out of Greenhill's venture to develop a Hollywood themed restaurant called Dream Factory.

Staff and creditors, owed more than £1 million, say they have not been paid by Greenhills for work done on Thunder Road. Mr Copsey said genuine claims would be paid.

Directors' pay rises exceed 12%

By Our City Staff

THE annual rise in the average pay package awarded to top directors is back in double figures this year, according to research published today.

An average increase of 12.6 per cent was awarded to the highest-paid directors at the UK's largest public companies, compared with 9.1 per cent last year and 22.2 per cent in 1994, according to the Income Data Services. It found the average total pay package was £684,671.

The IDS Management Pay Review analysed data on the highest-paid directors' pay, benefits and bonuses contained in the most recent annual reports of 96 of the top 100 companies in the stock market. The analysis showed:

☐ Base salary and benefits — the fixed elements of remuneration — increased by an average 7.1 per cent to an average level of £448,801.

☐ Annual bonus levels rose to an average of £243,157 compared with £147,019 in the previous survey.

☐ Total emoluments increased by more than 40 per cent at five companies and by more than 20 per cent at a further 16, while 10 company directors saw their package shrink.

☐ Eleven top directors received a total pay package of more than £1 million.

IDS said most companies had failed to follow the advice of the Greenbury committee on executive pay which called for companies to reduce employment contracts to one year.

Results read well for multimedia publisher

Dorling excels in tough market

By Alasdair Murray

DORLING Kindersley Holdings, the multimedia publishing company, yesterday unveiled a 37 per cent rise in full-year profits to £17.4 million as sales of the company's illustrated reference books and CD-Roms continue to boom.

But Peter Kindersley, chairman and chief executive, said the US multimedia market was proving tough, with some competitors slashing prices as they exit the market. Mr Kindersley, who founded the company 20 years ago, added that the company was "relaxed" about the US market, believing that a more stable market will emerge in due course, allowing retailers to restore margins.

The results, which were ahead of expectations, pleased the City and shares in the company climbed 13.5p to close at 545p.

Overall turnover rose 26 per cent to £174 million, while the total dividend was increased 15 per cent to 4.5p. The operating profit margin rose from 8.8 per cent to 9.8 per cent. Dorling said that more than 75 per cent of total turnover came from international operations, with turnover in the US increasing 40 per cent to £67 million.

The company's adult division increased turnover 14 per cent to £83 million with bestsellers including *Mary Berry's Complete Cookbook* and *Dr Fogle's Encyclopedia Of The Dog*, which both notched up sales of more than £1 million. This year's publishing schedule includes the *Royal Horticultural Society's A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants*, described as the company's biggest-ever single book project. The children's division lifted turnover 31 per cent, including good sales of new titles *Factopedia* and *Children Just Like Me*, although five of the seven best-selling titles were from the company's backlist.

DK multimedia sales rose 62 per cent, with total English language retail sales exceeding 800,000 — double total sales in 1995. DK now produces 20 titles with 11 new titles added last year. The company said it is also producing one title for Intel as part of the computer company's launch of its new pentium processor in January. A final dividend of 3p is payable on December 3.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

'Vulnerable' offered free BT conversion

BT WILL convert two million old-style wired telephones for free, it was announced yesterday. The six-month offer means that customers will not be asked to pay the £29.38 normally charged for replacing the old wiring with a plug and socket. The conversion will be carried out for free at any time for any customer defined as "vulnerable". This will include people with impaired hearing or vision, a physical or mobility disability, or those who are chronically sick or disabled.

Jean Gaffin, the chairman of the Advisory Committee on Telecommunications for Disabled and Elderly People (Diel)at Oftel, the industry regulator, said: "This is great news for almost two million BT customers and it is something we have been pressing for for years. It will especially benefit elderly people wanting connection to community alarm systems and more appropriate telephones who were previously deterred by the cost of conversion."

Retail stocks rise in US

RETAIL inventories in America jumped at the sharpest rate in 1½ years during July, the Commerce Department reported yesterday, boosting stocks of unsold goods on the shelves of all types of businesses. Total business inventories rose 0.4 per cent in July to a seasonally adjusted $1 trillion after being revised to show no change in June. Previously, the department reported that June inventories had risen 0.1 per cent. Recent reports have shown some moderation in the pace of consumer spending at start of the second half, which analysts said probably played a role in the higher July inventories.

Dinkie Heel advances

DINKIE HEEL, the manufacturer of components and materials for the shoe industry, achieved a rise in pre-tax profits to £379,000 from £315,000 in the half-year to June 30 despite difficult trading conditions in the retail sector. Earnings were 2.15p a share (1.83p). The interim dividend, which will be paid on December 2, is increased to 0.6p a share from 0.5p. There was a 10 per cent rise in sales to £4.09 million, with a maiden £251,000 contribution from Davies & Co (Kettering), acquired in May. Continued progress is expected in the second half of the year.

Bad debts higher

BAD DEBTS and business failures in Britain are running 10 per cent higher than one year ago, according to Trade Indemnity, the credit insurer. The company's quarterly business review suggests sales growth is slower than in the period from 1993 to 1995 and that increased sales are being achieved at the expense of profits. This is the result of weakening of demand during 1995, which caused an accumulation of unsold goods, Trade Indemnity said. The survey estimates that although house prices have risen 5 per cent this year they are 20 per cent below their peak in 1989.

Nike profits run ahead

NIKE, the world's biggest maker of athletic footwear, achieved a 24 per cent rise in earnings to $226.1 million, or $1.53 a share, in the first quarter. It further pleased Wall Street investors with news of a share split, its second in as many years. Revenues jumped 34 per cent to $2.28 billion from $1.70 billion last year. In the first quarter, US athletic footwear and apparel revenues totalled $1.35 billion, up 39 per cent from a year ago. International athletic footwear and apparel revenues rose 35 per cent to $780.9 million, Nike said.

Sharpe & Fisher boost

SHARPE & FISHER, the building supplies company based in the west of England, welcomed signs of an improvement in housing transactions as it reported a rise in operating profits to £1.96 million from £1.8 million for the six months to June 30. At the pre-tax level profits eased to £1.54 million from £1.65 million, held back by re-organisation costs. Earnings were 4.9p a share (5.3p). The interim dividend rises to 1.8p from 1.7p, due on November 15. Turnover rose to £33.7 million from £30.8 million previously. The company acquired Goodlands, with eight branches in the south west, for £2.87 million.

Bayer to restructure

BAYER, the German chemicals group, yesterday announced a corporate restructuring that it hopes will simplify chains of command and free the board to focus more on long-term strategy. The restructuring will organize Bayer's 21 business groups into five segments from the previous six: polymers, chemicals, healthcare, agriculture and Agfa, its photographic and imaging division. The chemicals division has been formed by bringing the organics and industrial products divisions under one roof. The company emphasised that the move is not aimed at job-shedding, but at streamlining decision-making.

Raytheon wins contract

AMERICA'S Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded a contract potentially worth nearly $1 billion to a team of companies led by Raytheon to upgrade air traffic control systems. Raytheon won the contract over Boeing and Lockheed Martin. The contract is to build the standard terminal automation replacement system (Stars) to replace air traffic control computers with a next-generation system for FAA and Department of Defence facilities across America. The systems are used in the airspace within about 50 miles of airports.

Whittard brews success

WHITTARD OF CHELSEA, the tea and coffee retailer, reported an increase in profits to £1.8 million before tax from £1.3 million for the year to May 31. The company, which floated on the Alternative Investment Market in June, said maiden earnings were 0.7p a share. Sales were 39 per cent at £21.75 million. Four new shops have opened since June, lifting the total number of outlets in Britain to 82. Directors intend to pay interim and final dividends for the year to the end of May 1997 in April 1997 and October 1997 respectively.

US utilities to merge in $4.8bn deal

OHIO EDISON and Centerior Energy, two of America's largest electricity utilities, have agreed to merge, forming a new holding company, in a stock-for-stock deal valued at $4.8 billion.

The merger, which the utilities hope to complete by the end of 1997, would create the nation's 11th largest investor-owned electricity system. The deal comes amid a wave of consolidation in the industry. Ohio Edison serves parts of Ohio and its Pennsylvania Power subsidiary operates in western Pennsylvania. Centerior's Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and Toledo Edison serve northern Ohio.

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Belgium Fr	51.38	47.08
Canada $	2.237	2.077
Cyprus CypE	0.758	0.703
Denmark Kr	9.83	8.83
Finland Mkk	7.68	7.01
France Fr	8.41	7.76
Germany Dm	2.51	2.30
Greece Dr	399	365
Hong Kong $	12.89	11.66
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.32	4.87
Italy Lira	2484	2329
Japan Yen	186.00	170.00
Malta	0.602	0.547
Netherlds Gld	2.788	2.558
New Zealand $	2.38	2.16
Norway Kr	10.62	9.82
Portugal Esc	251.50	233.00
S Africa Rd	7.57	6.77
Spain Pta	204.00	191.00
Sweden Kr	11.00	10.30
Switzerland Fr	2.08	1.88
Turkey Lira	141350	133350
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☐ OFT deliberates BA's merger that isn't ☐ One man's view of EMU ☐ Blenheim needs a touch of reality

Open skies, closed deals

☐ THE quasi-merger between British Airways and American Airlines is one of those areas where strict interpretation of the rules might be less fair than a blurred fudge, because airlines have always been a business where national pride takes precedence over commercial logic.

There is no rational reason why every single member of the European Community, for example, should have its own national carrier. Any sensible scheme drawn up *ab initio* to cover the Continent would require three or four airlines, whatever number might be needed to create sufficient competition to prevent the misuse of monopoly power. This is, after all, what emerged in the United States, where amalgamations and other consolidation have created an industry that is at long last profitable again.

The insistence of every sovereign state on maintaining its own air fleet means, predictably, that no one makes any money. Regular injections of state cash keep the planes in the air, this being another area where the Treaty of Rome, and those articles dealing with unfair competition, is generally ignored.

BA's problem is that the British Government takes the Treaty rather more seriously than its partners — on this subject as on many others, one might add. Hence the cost-cutting, and the job losses expected from Robert Ayling's Step Change project. This column took Mr Ayling, chief executive at British Airways, to task a week ago for the damage he was doing to morale in the pilots' lounge, sparking a strong positive response from several BA employees. Not surprisingly, few wanted to leave their names. His popularity is unlikely to be enhanced by further bad news on the jobs front this week.

And hence the merger that dare not speak its name. American is unhappy, quite rightly, with so-called "code-sharing," where passengers may be switched from one airline to another half-way through their journey even though they thought they have booked with one alone. But this is the deal available, and American has grown to accept it.

BA for its part is going to have to give up some of its slots at Heathrow with whatever good grace Mr Ayling can muster — but not too many, which will be a long way from a proper "open skies" policy. The question being considered by the Office of Fair Trading is whether such an artificial arrangement provides enough new competition on Heathrow routes to exert downward pressure on prices.

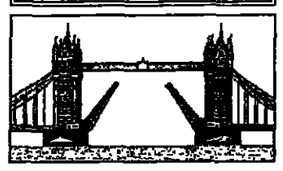
American Airlines, despite having a ready alternative bride in Air France, has indicated a willingness to delay the wedding until the matter has been tested at the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. BA is keen to avoid this. No one enjoys such long-winded affairs, but there are times when they are necessary. This looks like one of them. Fortunately, the indications are the OFT is also taking this view.

Hays takes the slow road

☐ THE business world is convulsed over the question of the single currency, we are assured, and over what percentage of business leaders, by the usual dubious or self-serving statistics, want Britain to be part of Economic and Monetary Union.

It is easy to forget that large numbers of them are agnostics.

PENNINGTON



Life goes on, imports and exports flow from one country to another, whatever the politicians decide. One such is Ronnie Frost at Hays Group. The man who admits to shipping five million cartons of yoghurt across from the Continent each day, even though he loathes the stuff, might be thought to have strong views on the effect on cross-border trade, but he insists EMU will make no difference whatever Britain does.

Instead Mr Frost is upset about another little cosy business cartel, the one that shut him out of taking over Christian Salvesen this summer. That company was the ideal next leg up for a business that has grown five-fold since coming to the market in 1989, but he was frustrated by family members with a 38 per cent holding.

Hays bounced back within weeks with another significant deal, which had typically been negotiated in parallel with Salvesen. The premium rating the shares enjoy, selling on almost 20 times' this year's profits, says that the market is expecting expansion to continue, but Mr Frost may now be forced to take a more indirect route. The areas his company is in, distribution and similar industrial services, are still highly fragmented on the Continent, but this brings its own dangers.

Acquiring market share piecemeal will take time for a management which, Mr Frost admits, was until recently spending 90 per cent of its time running the existing businesses. Then there are cultural factors — few can match the bloody-mindedness of the French long-distance lorry driver, for example. Mr Frost says, picking his words carefully, that he is not looking at any individual quoted company. But the market is aware that he is not blocked from returning to Salvesen — or any constituent part, should that company, as expected, one day be broken up.

Lost in the land of Oz

☐ "I DON'T think we're in Kansas any more, Toto," said Dorothy at the start of the Yellow Brick Road. Perhaps Stephan Svenby, the sensible managing director of Blenheim, should turn to Neville Buch, his chairman, and say: "We're not City darlings any more, Neville."

One cannot help but wonder whether Mr Buch and the two other directors who control a quarter of Blenheim's shares have noticed the tornado that has flattened their company over the past three years. In early 1993 the shares stood at nearly £6. Then came a combination of bad results, overblown expectations and revelations about how the group was run, and the shares fell to a low of 179p. The possibility that anyone would offer as much as 480p looked like the quaintest fantasy.

To have rejected an offer at that price from United News & Media looked pretty daft subsequently, as Blenheim's share price collapsed to under 350p. Now Reed Elsevier, which had always been hovering in the background, is offering close to 480p again. But Buch and friends are thought to be pressing for something more like 550p.

Given that the French business is the key to Blenheim, and Reed employs a strong team of former Blenheim managers in France, then Reed is well able to value Blenheim and run it as a subsidiary should the incumbents take their money and move to pastures new. If Blenheim rejects Reed's approach, Reed should make an aggressive offer at about 400p. At which point, 480p will look a generous price indeed.

Two Dogs fight

☐ WHEN Two Dogs arrived on these shores, neither of the market leaders in cider could see much future in alcoholic lemonade. Two years later, and Two Dogs has floored one of them, Matthew Clark. The other, HP Bulmer, is off to Australia to help the brand to expand there. One hopes Peter Aikens, Clark's chief executive and now hanging on to his job by his fingernails, is able to appreciate the irony.

Hays chief rules out bid for rival

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

RONNIE FROST, chairman of Hays, yesterday ruled out another takeover bid for a rival quoted distribution company but said the business services group would concentrate on expanding its commercial division and specialised logistics operations (See Pennington, this page).

Mr Frost added that he expected growth to be organic and through acquisitions ranging in size up to £100 million. He said that the company had enjoyed a good start to the year and was under no pressure to find major acquisitions to ensure future growth.

Hays made a £1.14 billion offer for Christian Salvesen, the business services group, but withdrew last month when it failed to win the support of the Salvesen board.

Hays unveiled a 20 per cent rise in full-year profits to £132 million. Turnover rose 19 per cent to £966 million, while the total dividend was increased 16 per cent to 8.1p.

The results were in line with expectations, but the market marked down shares 2.5p from their record high, closing yesterday at 478.5p.

Hays recently bought ICS Corporation for £65 million. Mr Frost predicted the pre-9am delivery business would contribute £15 million to profits in the next three years.

Profits in the distribution division rose 11 per cent to £61 million. The company said it was looking to expand its European operations, but had recently won new contracts with Waitrose and Scottish & Newcastle.

Profits in the commerical division rose 19 per cent to £39 million, with courier business being helped by the postal strike.

Profits in the personnel division rose 37 per cent to £37 million helped by the increased trend towards using temporary labour. A final dividend of 5.5p is payable on November 29.

Hays announced the appointment of John Cole, former chief executive officer of Mayne Nickless Europe, as an executive director.

Laporte hurt by sell-offs

BY PAUL DURMAN

LAPORTE, the chemicals company that has replaced its senior management team since Jim Leng became chief executive last year, made a £23.9 million loss on businesses sold during the first half.

The losses cut interim pre-tax profits to £36.4 million, down from £67 million last year. If the loss on disposal is ignored, profits fell by a more modest 10 per cent to £60.3 million.

Mr Leng's disposal programme continued yesterday with the sale of businesses in Thailand, Brazil and France for a total of £7.8 million.

Mr Leng said although Laporte was a fine business, it had achieved earnings per share growth of only 1-2 per cent since 1990.

Profits from continuing operations were steady at £60.5 million, although margins fell back to 11.4 per cent (12.8 per cent). The interim dividend is maintained at 8.5p.

Top spot for Allied Irish Banks

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

ALLIED Irish Banks is regarded as the best bank by small businesses, while TSB is rated the worst, according to a survey by the Forum of Private Business.

Of the big four high street banks, Lloyds is best, followed by Midland, NatWest and Barclays. The survey said all the big four had improved slightly since 1994, although Barclays had again attracted the most negative responses from its business customers.

The report, based on the views of more than 10,000 businesses, pointed out that firms' perceptions of their banks were much more positive where the relationship was closer and better informed.

The benefits of a closer relationship included lower interest margins over the base rate, lower levels of collateral, fewer bank mistakes, lower transaction charges and less desire to change bank.

Guinness includes UK staff in works council

GUINNESS, the drinks group, yesterday announced it will include representatives from its British workforce in its new European works council (Alasdair Murray writes).

Around 10,000 of its 14,000 European workforce are based in the UK.

The move to establish a European employee forum comes just ahead of the legal deadline next Sunday for the establishment of voluntary arrangements and the implementation of the European Works Council Directive.

A total of 44 employee representatives will serve on the forum including 12 from the UK and nine each from Ireland and Spain.

Greg Hunt, human resources director of Guinness's United Distillers operations, welcomed the agreement.

Brian Revell, national secretary for the food, drink and tobacco section of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said: "The inclusion of representatives for the UK marks another significant step in demonstrating the importance of European-wide employee consultation."



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STOCK MARKET  OLIVER AUGUST

Positive mood boosts banks and insurers

WALL STREET continued upwards and the FT-SE edged forward cautiously after last Friday's buoyant response to US economic data that suggested steady American interest rates. The FT-SE 100 index closed at 3,977.2, up 9.3 points, having recorded a new intraday peak of 3,980.8.

A broad range of sectors benefited from the positive mood including banks, insurances and buildings. The defence and aerospace sectors remained bullish about the uncertain situation in the Gulf.

The banking sector was stirred by the confidence in **HSBC**, which increased from £11.89 to £12.05. **Lloyds TSB** benefited from a positive James Capel report and finished 5½p firmer at 396½p. **Barclays** was down 1p to 945p, while the **Royal Bank of Scotland** moved up 1p to 490p. **Natwest** rose from 678p to 687½p.

Of the insurance companies, **General Accident** was the biggest winner. With an increase of 14p to 667½p it was one of the FT-SE's best performing shares. **Commercial Union**, rose 2½p to 607p, and **Royal Sun**, from 398p to 402p.

In the building sector, **Amec** made a particular impact with shares up 16½p at 367p after doubling profits. At **RMC**, which is reporting interims on Thursday, news may not be quite as spectacular, but dealers still have high hopes as the shares rose to £11.95½, up 14½p. Other building stocks followed their example. **Amec** rose to 102p from 98p, **Bellway** was up 3p to 343½p and **Jarvis** moved from 91½p to 93½p, while troubled **Costain** slipped yet from 60p to 59p.

Redrow managed to move up from 133p to 134p, after the publication of downbeat results. Dealers are putting some faith in the words of Steve Morgan, the chairman, who promised a resumption of profit growth.

The defence and aerospace sectors were getting maximum mileage out of the new quarrel with President Saddam Hussein in the Gulf. **TI Group** closed at 578½p, up 12p, and **GEC** ended the day at 395p, up 6p. Dealers are speculating that with the US presidential elections coming closer the conflict may be hotting up.

British Aerospace, up 3p to £10.65½, is continuing its post-Farnborough rise, after an announcement that the group will not press for an increase in its 20 per cent stake in Airbus Industrie, even though its assets could prove to be worth relatively more than those of its European partners, according to a recent press report.

Airbus this year announced plans to become a limited company. Industry observers are saying BAe has accepted that any increase in its Airbus stake would be politically unacceptable in Germany and France. Among the alternatives to be explored is the possibility that BAe might receive relatively higher payments for the work it does for Airbus.

Shares in **Cable and Wireless** were 7½p better at 448½p as analysts turned positive on the stock in the wake of recent presentations by Dick Brown, the chief executive. The Merrill Lynch telecoms team said it has set a target price of 500p and moved its stance from neutral to accumulate after a briefing with Mr Brown. Another analyst said he will issue a "very positive" research note on the shares this week. "We're 90 per cent certain to move our stance from 'hold' to 'buy'," he said.

Though Mr Brown has not signalled large-scale corporate restructuring, smaller scale corporate moves are expected to "crystallise value". Further afield, analysts consider Mr Brown will use his contacts in the US to form an alliance to bolster the group's American subsidiary.

In the parmaceuticals sector, **Oxford Molecular** announced software licensing agreements with Hoffmann-La Roche and Abbott Laboratories. The licences are the first commercial installations of *RS3 Discovery*, a software program that transforms the corporation's standard relational database system into a high-performance, chemical-structure search engine. The shares rose from 321½p to 324p.

Glaxo Wellcome also saw a price increase from 955p to 962½p in connection with reports about new research showing promising results from trials of a new Aids drug. Vertex, the US drugs company, is developing a new protease inhibitor in partnership with Glaxo. The new drug, which the partners have said may be available for Aids treatment in 1998, is designed to be used in combination with more traditional treatments of Aids.

On the takeover front, **Blenheim** climbed 52½p to 420p after confirmation of a new bid approach, with Reed Elsevier the likely predator. **Danka** rose 15p to 697½p, still encouraged by the growth prospects of last week's photocopier deal with Kodak.

In foods, Nestlé takeover speculation offset the expected gloomy results from **Dalgety**, 2p better at 329p.

Encouraging trading statements benefited **Morgan Crucible** at 460p, up 10½p, and **Dorling Kindersley** at 544p, up 12½p. **Proteus** tumbled 80½p to 169p after a profits warning caused by problems at a German subsidiary.

Advice to start profit-taking over the weekend clipped 5p from **Railtrack** at 283p. **Telewest Communications**, down ½p to 135½p, said its recommended offer for the B ordinary shares of Cable London has been declared wholly unconditional.

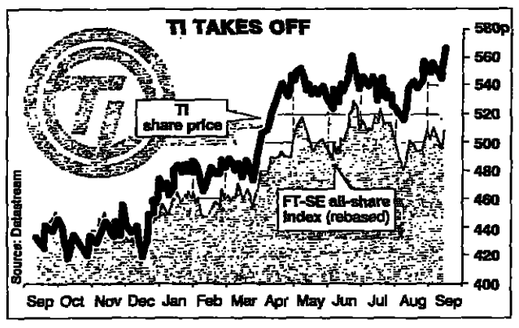
GILT-EDGED: UK gilts ended the day unchanged from Friday, with opening gains eroded on the back of a weaker tone in bunds and Treasuries. Most traders were waiting for today's gilt auction announcement. The December long gilt future ended steady at $107^{29}/_{32}$.

NEW YORK: US stocks had solid gains at mid-session as Wall Street showed signs of renewed confidence in the outlook for equities. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 34.77 points to 5,873.29.



The building sector, in general, saw share prices rise

Investors who are keen on big profit increases should look at Freeport Leisure. Yesterday's prelims showed an eight-fold increase in pre-tax profits and a six-fold increase in earnings per share. The share price, however, is progressing at a slightly slower pace. Freeport Leisure was up from 96p to 102½p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):		
Dow Jones	5873.29	(+34.77)
S&P Composite	684.12	(+3.58)
Tokyo:		
Nikkei Average	Closed	
Hong Kong:		
Hang Seng	11567.90	(+198.80)
Amsterdam:		
EOE Index	568.17	(+2.12)
Sydney:		
AO	2267.8	(+15.5)
Frankfurt:		
DAX	2629.87	(+33.91)
Singapore:		
Straits	2154.49	(+28.22)
Brussels:		
General	9691.45	(+20.31)
Paris:		
CAC-40	2086.19	(+5.82)
Zurich:		
SKA Gen	783.00	(+3.80)
London:		
FT 30	2859.9	(+3.1)
FT 100	3977.2	(+9.3)
FT-SE Mid 250	4462.0	(+8.7)
FT-SE-A 350	1985.8	(+4.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1700.97	(+13.06)
FT A All-Share	1961.01	(+4.25)
FT Non Financials	2064.76	(+1.92)
FT Fixed Interest	113.24	(+0.14)
FT Govt Secs	93.45	(+0.17)
Bargains	45167	
SEAQ Volume	909.4m	
USM (Datastrm)	208.93	(-0.54)
US$	1.5568	(+0.0025)
German Mark	2.3498	(-0.0014)
Exchange Index	96.1	(-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)		
£:ECU	1.2280	
£:SDR	1.0767	
RPI — 153.1 Aug (2.1%) Jan 1987=100		
RPIX — 152.8 Aug (2.8%) Jan 1987=100		

RECENT ISSUES

Amer Opps U Ln	100		...
Barbican Health	62½	–	2
Dairy Crest Group	185	+	2½
Dentmaster Hldgs	4		...
Electronic Retail	241		...
Fayrewood	45½		...
Gartland Whalley	108½	–	1
Grosvenor Land	14¼	+	½
Hambros Smlr Asn	65½	+	½
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97½		...
Life Numbers	12		...
Life Numbers Wts	5		...
Pemberstone Wts	6	–	1
Polydoc	70½		...
Schrod Em Cntrs C	375		...
Schrod Emg Cou Wts	38½		...
Schrod Emg Countrs	94	+	¼
Selector	68		...
St James Place Cptl	88½	+	½
Value Realisation	70¼	+	¼

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ronson n/p (25)	1	...
Stagecoach n/p (410)	123	...
Wyko Group n/p (123)	15	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Blenheim Gp	420p (+52½p)
Lincat	200½p (+16p)
MMT Comp	550p (+30p)
Clyde Blowers	325p (+13p)
Dorling Kind	544p (+12½p)
Morgan Cble	460p (+10½p)
Danka Bs Sys	697½p (+15p)
TI	578½p (+12p)
Gen Accident	667½p (+13p)
Smithkline	778p (+11p)
Biocomps Intl	465p (+18½p)
London Clubs	286½p (+8p)
Servisair	400p (+9p)
Ramsden (H)	405p (+7½p)
Amey	367p (+16½p)

FALLS:

Eng China Cl	216½p (-10p)
Pacer Infotec	94½p (-10p)
Adam & Harvey	377½p (-10p)
Enterprise	519p (-8½p)
Compass Gp	555p (-7p)
Capital Corp	193p (-6p)
Cairn Energy	385½p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

Feet of Clay

THE valedictory dividend rise with which Andrew Teare said goodbye to English China Clays last year looks increasingly foolhardy — as does his successor's decision to increase the final last March. ECC now looks to be in severe danger of following BTR in "rebasing" its dividend.

The company, which makes coatings for the paper industry, is once more in the grip of the paper cycle. Five years of restructuring under Mr Teare has left ECC with more than half its business dependent on paper. The solution, it seems, is another strategic review and yet more cost-cutting.

Unfortunately, ECC is more than capable of getting it wrong. On top of manufacturing problems in the US kaolin business (last reorganised in 1995), it has managed to lose money on a hugely valuable contract to supply chemicals to Scott Paper. Bizarrely, the local management of Calgon, the chemicals business, tied up the final negotiations in such a way that the global contract became loss-making.

ECC seems determined to stick with Calgon, at least for the time being. The bigger worry is that the benefits of any changes to the main minerals business may take a long time to show through.

The dividend yield, hovering around 10 per cent, and the shares, down 10p to a new low of 216½p yesterday, are already warning investors to expect a dividend cut.

ECC's shares could one day start to look attractive as a recovery play. The company may even attract some takeover interest. But until the costs of the forthcoming shake-up become clearer, they are best avoided.

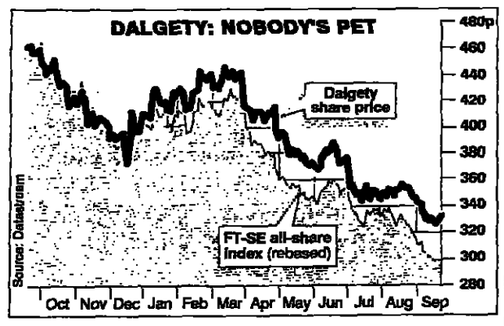
Dalgety

THE effects of "mad cow" disease reached right down to the dog bowl according to disappointing results from Dalgety, which put the price of BSE at £15.3 million in the full year.

The crisis hurt most of Dalgety's businesses. Its ingredients subsidiary was hit for £1.5 million in lost sales as people stopped eating sausages and burgers. In agriculture, reformulating feed for pigs and poultry cost £3.6 million, while lost sales of feed were estimated at £700,000. The ban on UK beef exports meant that Dalgety had to switch its sourcing for petfoods abroad, costing it £9.5 million. Added to that is the £5 million cost of sorting out a crisis in The Netherlands after petfood supplied by Dalgety killed 330 cats. Fortunately for the reputation of British food suppliers, a Dutch supplier to Dalgety was eventually found to be the culprit.

It would be far too easy to blame factors outside its control for all of Dalgety's woes, however. Unimpressive underlying profits make it look as if Dalgety, did indeed overpay for Quaker petfoods last year at £442 million. Moreover, Dalgety's declining share of the UK dogfood market was due to Spillers giving up ground to Mars' Pedigree Chum.

Dalgety's shares have been on the slide for most of the year. Many of the problems have yet to be resolved: until they are, the shares are best avoided.



Morgan Crucible

MORGAN Crucible has been transformed from a UK-reliant company into a business spanning the globe.

Four years ago, the group's plans for overseas expansion were met with derision in the City. Now, Bruce Farmer, managing director, has delivered results to convince his critics. The reasons are threefold. Firstly, its sales are spread almost evenly between its three core divisions and its acquisitions have all been in ceramics, carbon and speciality materials.

Second, its geographical mix has left it with 88 per cent of sales overseas. While this still heavily favours North America, it is now exposed to every major market.

Third, its heavy spending on R&D and capital expenditure — is bearing fruit. Twenty per cent of sales are generated from products that did not exist three years ago.

All that remains is for its markets to recover. Analysts expect to see this in 1997. At 460p, its shares are on a ratio of 18.3 times — not much different from the other companies in its sector. Bruce Farmer has been vindicated.

Independent Newspapers

INDEPENDENT Newspapers has wrong-footed analysts who expected the Irish company's next move to be for regional newspapers in the United Kingdom. Instead, the target is Wilson & Horton, the New Zealand publisher in which Independent already has an effective 22.58 per cent interest.

This is the Irish Republic's second largest corporate deal, behind Smurfit's Ir£660 million purchase of France's Cellulose du Pin, which puts Independent's ambitions into perspective. If this opening bid succeeds it will cost Independent Ir£442 million, which compares with its own market capitalisation of Ir£470 million.

Tony O'Reilly, the Independent chairman, is an ardent fan of New Zealand's economic transformation and is smitten with its similarities to the Irish Republic. Both have a population of around 3.5 million people and geographically both are outlying regions. The newspaper scene is cannily similar to Ireland's. Wilson & Horton is the dominant newspaper group, selling the only daily newspaper in Auckland. The Independent currently has the only evening newspaper in Dublin and owns the country's best-selling daily and Sunday newspapers.

O'Reilly is therefore already very comfortable with the pricing power which comes with market dominance. Wilson & Horton is not considered to be a particularly dynamic company and O'Reilly must be confident that he can push margins up throughout its businesses with only minimum adjustments.

COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Sep	980-985	Dec	1068-1065
Dec	995-994	Mar	1077-1070
Mar	1012-1011	May	1087-1080
May	1027-1025	Jul	1097-1080
Jul	1040-1038		
Sep	1054-1050	Volume: 6468	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1615-1610	May	1436-1425
Nov	1530-1529	Jul	1415-1405
Jan	1479-1478	Sep	1420-1400
Mar	1445-1440	Volume: 2723	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	333.9-33.0
Spot: 340.5		Oct	328.0-25.0
Dec	333.0-32.5	Dec	327.5-25.0
Mar	333.4-32.8	Mar	330.5-23.1
May	332.9-32.0	Volume: 1803	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	108.41	117.74	98.22
(+/-)	+0.10	-4.83	+1.84
Eng/Wales	108.41	117.61	98.31
(+/-)	+0.10	-4.71	+1.95
NI	-8.0	-17.0	-16.0
Scotland	unq	120.12	95.10
(+/-)		-4.62	-1.59
(%)		-55.0	-53.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.60 -1.20
Brent 15 day (Nov)	22.45 -1.05
Brent 15 day (Dec)	21.75 -1.00
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	23.30 -1.20
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	22.70 -1.00

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	214 (-9)	216 (-9)
Gasoil EEC	222 (-8)	224 (-7)
3.5 Fuel Oil	114 (-1)	116 (-1)
Naphtha	203 (-7)	205 (-7)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	213.50-13.75	Jan	197.00 BID
Nov	207.75-08.00	Feb	190.00 SLR
Dec	202.50-02.75	Vol: 26242	

BRENT ($.00pm)

Nov	22.38-22.43	Feb	20.44 BID
Dec	21.76-21.78	Mar	19.85 BID
Jan	21.12-21.14	Vol: 26341	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	104.20	Sep	100.50
Nov	106.05	Nov	101.90
Jan	108.05	Jan	102.80
Mar	109.85	Mar	104.15
May	111.65	May	106.00
Volume: 485		Volume: 129	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	40.0
Mar	...	75.0
Apr	66.0	66.3
	Volume: 84	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Oct 89.25-89.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 96	1015	999	1004
Oct 96	1115	1105	1107
Nov 96	1185	1185	1186
Jan 97	1220	1215	1218
Vol: 231 lots		Open interest: 3732	
		Index 1020 -10	

(Official) (Volume prev day) — LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mths	Vol:
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1891.0-1892.0	1804.0-1865.0	(715975
Lead ($/tonne)	801.00-801.50	804.50-805.00	17b475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	999.00-999.50	1026.5-1026.5	357325
Tin ($/tonne)	6095.0-6100.0	6158.0-6159.0	28250
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1392.0-1393.0	1429.0-1430.0	1596050
Nickel ($/tonne)	7390.0-7395.0	7485.0-7490.0	56736

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Sep 96	3979.0	3991.0	3977.0	3985.0	14640
Previous open interest: 63675	Dec 96	4008.0	4018.0	4004.0	4011.5	6187
FT-SE 250	Sep 96	4450.0	4450.0	4450.0	4450.0	44
Previous open interest: 3890	Dec 96	4488.0	4488.0	4488.0	4480.0	44
Three Month Sterling	Sep 96	94.16	94.17	94.15	94.16	8117
Previous open interest: 473886	Dec 96	94.21	94.22	94.17	94.18	13742
	Mar 97	94.09	94.10	94.05	94.06	13592
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.15	99.15	99.15	99.15	1121
	Jun 97				98.96	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 96	96.89	96.90	96.88	96.90	9597
Previous open interest: 1121569	Dec 96	96.84	96.84	96.81	96.81	45369
Long Gilt	Sep 96	108-26	108-26	108-21	108-20	10445
Previous open interest: 129192	Dec 96	108-02	108-04	107-28	107-29	56696
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	121.53	121.60	121.49	121.56	242
	Mar 97				120.56	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 96	98.02	98.20	97.95	97.96	134321
Previous open interest: 198784	Mar 97	97.16	97.16	97.16	97.01	2
Three month ECU	Sep 96	95.76	95.76	95.76	95.75	379
Previous open interest: 26728	Dec 96	95.78	95.79	95.75	95.78	2468
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 96	98.02	98.02	98.00	98.00	539
Previous open interest: 86879	Dec 96	97.99	97.99	97.88	97.90	9386
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 96	117.53	118.18	117.50	117.74	46409
Previous open interest: 63047	Mar 97				117.08	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5%. Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5%. Low 5%. Week fixed: 5%

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5%; 3 mth 5%. Sell: 2 mth 5%; 3 mth 5%.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	6⅛-5⅞
Interbank:	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	5⅜-5⅜	6⅛-5⅞

Overnight: open 5¾, close 5¾.

Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.37	n/a	5.45	5.65
Building Society CDs:	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	4-3
Swiss Franc:	1⅛-¾	1⅛-1	1⅛-1	2⅛-1⅛	2-1
Yen:	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	⅛-⅛	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.50-383.00 Close: $382.55-382.85 High: $382.70-383.20

Low: $382.20-382.70 AM: $382.65 PM: $382.80

Krugerrand: $381.75-384.75 (£244.75-246.75)

Platinum: $387.90 (£250.00) Silver: $5.04 (£3.245) Palladium: $121.50 (£78.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6286-2.6366	2.633b-2.3654	½-¾pr	2-1¼pr
Brussels	48.2b0-48.450	48.345-48.426	13-8pr	35-29pr
Copenhagen	9.0312-9.0531	9.0433-9.0522	1¼-1pr	4¼-3¼pr
Dublin	0.9648-0.9670	0.9650-0.9671	3-1pr	4-2pr
Frankfurt	2.3429-2.3523	2.3491-2.3500	½-¾pr	2-1¼pr
Lisbon	239.10-240.30	240.00-240.21	½-¾ds	½-1ds
Madrid	197.41-198.24	198.00-198.13	22-31ds	61-79ds
Milan	2368.2-2373.8	2370.7-2373.8	0.05-0.07ds	15-17ds
Montreal	2.1224-2.1366	2.1327-2.1343	0.33-0.36pr	0.71-0.73pr
New York	1.5508-1.5586	1.5565-1.5571	0.052-0.032pr	0.10-0.07pr
Oslo	10.049-10.070	10.063-10.070	½-¾pr	½-¾pr
Paris	7.9908-8.0147	8.0015-8.0082	1¼-1pr	4¼-4pr
Stockholm	10.298-10.335	10.319-10.335	½-¾pr	½-¾pr
Tokyo	171.28-171.90	171.73-171.90	½-¾pr	2¼-2¼pr
Vienna	16.501-16.546	16.529-16.543	½-¾pr	1¼-1pr
Zurich	1.9257-1.9313	1.9290-1.9313	½-¾pr	1¼-1¼pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3674-1.3682
Austria	10.63-10.64
Belgium (Com)	31.10-31.11
Canada	1.3700-1.3705
Denmark	5.8170-5.8190
France	5.1465-5.1475
Germany	1.5114-1.5117
Hong Kong	7.7318-7.7323
Ireland	1.6067-1.6077
Italy	1524.10-1525.60
Japan	110.45-110.50
Malaysia	2.4973-2.4983
Netherlands	1.6042-1.6058
Norway	6.4688-6.4725
Portugal	154.40-154.50
Singapore	1.4105-1.4115
Spain	127.34-127.37
Sweden	6.6400-6.6475
Switzerland	1.2415-1.2425

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5525-1.5551
Australia dollar	1.9671-1.9706
Bahrain dinar	0.5795-0.5915
Brazil real*	1.5788-1.5831
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7175-0.7275
Finland markka	7.0350-7.1510
Greece drachma	370.5-377.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.0075-12.0144
India rupee	55.07-56.03
Indonesia rupiah	3580.0-3648.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4615-0.4715
Malaysia ringgit	3.4773-3.4806
New Zealand dollar	2.2336-2.2363
Pakistan rupee	56.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9050-5.7190
Singapore dollar	2.1899-2.1925
S Africa rand (com)	6.9150-7.0170
U A E dirham	5.6425-5.7665

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	656	Marks Spr	2,100
ASDA Gp	7,500	Natwst Bk	4,200
Abbey Nti	1,300	Nat Grid	1,000
Allied Dom	709	Nat Power	4,800
Argos	437	Next	347
AB Foods	41	Orange	1,200
BAA	3,600	P & O	2,900
BAT Inds	5,400	Pearson	865
BOC	1,800	Pilkington	5,300
BP	2,400	PowerGen	2,500
BSkyB	797	Prudential	1,700
BTR	5,400	RMC	313
Bk of Scot	6,100	RTZ	1,200
Barclays	1,700	Railtrack	3,500
Bass	1,800	Rank Org	1,400
Blue Circle	1,100	Reckitt Col	844
Boots	425	Redland	1,600
BAe	1,100	Reed Intl	547
BA	2,200	Rentokil	2,100
Brit Gas	1,400	Reuters	1,100
Brit Steel	3,100	Rolls Royce	7,700
Burmah Cstl	241	Royal & Sun	1,900
Burton	2,000	Royal Bk Sct	663
Cable Wire	4,800	Safeway	1,600
Cadbury	1,300	Sainsbury	2,300
Carlton Cms	504	Schroders	45
Cm Union	952	Scot & New	222
Coats Viyella	1,500	Scot Power	1,200
Courtaulds	1,500	Scrn Trent	675
Dixons	2,200	Shell Trans	1,200
EMI	1,400	Sidlaw	986
Enterpr Oil	1,200	Smkl Bch	2,300
GKN	247	Smith Nph	2,200
GRE	976	Smiths Inds	308
GUS	967	Sthern Elec	183
Gen Acc	854	Std Charrd	1,100
Gen Elec	3,800	TI Gp	617
Glaxo Well	3,100	Tate & Lyle	314
Granada	1,300	Tesco	3,300
Grand Met	5,000	Thames W	427
Guinness	1,500	Thorn	2,100
HSBC	3,300	Tomkins	4,100
Hanson	13,700	Unilever	2,200
ICI	296	Utd Utilities	276
Kingfisher	512	Utd News	1,900
LASMO	1,300	Vodafone	4,700
Ladbroke	2,800	Whitbread	707
Land Secs	1,300	Willms Hld	2,500
Legal & Gn	725	Wolseley	1,900
Lloyds TSB	7,200	Zeneca	596

WALL STREET

	Sep 16 midday	Sep 13 close
AMP Inc	36⅜	36½
AMR Corp	82¼	80¾
ASA	39½	38⅞
AT & T	56	55⅞
Abbott Labs	48⅝	47⅞
Advanced Micro	13⅝	13
Aetna Life	70⅞	70⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	26½	26½
Air Prod & Chem	57½	57¾
Airtouch Comm	28⅝	29
Alberto-Culver B	42½	42¾
Albertson's	41¾	41½
Alcan Aluminm	31½	31¼
Alco Standard	47½	47
Allied Signal	63⅞	64
Alum Co of Am	63¼	62⅝
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	53⅛	52⅞
Amer Brands	42¼	42⅛
Amer El Power	41¼	41⅛
Amer Express	45½	44⅞
Amer Genl Corp	36⅜	36⅛
Amer Home Pr	63¾	62⅞
Amer Intl	99⅛	99⅛
Amer Stores	40	39⅞
Amer Standard	34¾	34½
Ameritech	53⅜	53
Amoco	69⅝	68⅛
Anheuser-Busch	39⅞	39½
Apple Computer	22¾	21
Archer Daniels	18½	18⅛
Armco	4⅜	4⅜
Armstrng Wrld	63⅛	64
Asarco	25½	25⅜
Atl Richfield	125⅜	125⅝
Auto Data Pro	43⅝	43⅝
Avery Dennison	54¾	54
Avon Products	49⅝	49½
Baker Hughes	31⅛	31⅛
Baltim Gas & El	25⅜	25⅛
Banc One	40⅞	40⅜
BankAmerica	82⅝	82⅜
Bank of NY	30½	30
Bankers Tr NY	82⅝	82⅝
Barnett Banks	66⅛	67⅛
Bausch & Lomb	36⅛	34½
Baxter Int	45¼	45⅜
Bectn Dickson	44¼	44
Bell Atlantic	59	59⅛
Bell Industries	15⅝	15½
BellSouth	50	50⅛
Black & Decker	41½	41⅜
Block (H&R)	26½	26¼
Boeing	91⅛	91
Boise Cascade	33	32⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	98⅛	94⅜
Browning Ferris	24½	25⅜
Brunswick	23⅛	23
Burlington Nthn	82⅜	81½
CMS Energy Corp	29⅜	29
CNA Financial	100⅞	100⅝
CPC Intl	72	70⅞
CSX	53	52¾
Campbell Soup	78⅜	75⅞
Can Pacific	23⅜	23⅛
Carolina Pwr	35	35⅜
Caterpillar	74½	74⅝
Central & SW	26⅜	26½
Champion Intl	46½	46½
Chase Manhat	76½	76¾
Chevron Corp	62⅝	62⅜
Chrysler	28⅞	28½
Chubb Corp	44¼	44⅛
Ciguna Corp	121½	120⅞
Cincorp	89⅜	89½
Citicrp	97⅜	98½
Coastal Corp	41¼	41¼
Coca Cola	53⅜	53
Coca Cola Ent	40⅜	39⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	85⅛	85⅛
Columbia Gas	57¾	58⅛
ColumbiaHCA	58½	57⅞
Compaq Comp	60½	60⅜
Comp Ass Int	61⅝	60⅝
Conagra	44¼	44⅜
Conrail	72½	72⅜
Cons Edison	28⅜	28
Cons Nat Gas	54⅜	55
Cooper Inds	41¼	41¼
Cowntries	43⅜	42⅞
Corning Inc	39⅜	39⅛
Crown Cork	47⅜	48⅛
Dana Corp	39½	39½
Dayton Hudson	35⅜	35⅞
Deere	44¼	43⅞
Delta Air Lines	70	69
Deluxe Corp	37½	37⅜
Digital Equip	41¼	41⅛
Dillard Dept St	34	34½
Disney (Walt)	61⅛	60⅜
Dominion Res	38⅜	37⅞
Donelley (RR)	35⅜	35
Dover Corp	44¼	44½
Dow Chemical	90⅛	90½
Dow Jones	34½	34
Dresser	29½	29¾
Duke Power	48	47⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅛	57⅞

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A family book for Kindersley

TO HELP to cut costs, Peter Kindersley, chairman and chief executive of Dorling Kindersley, recruited his son and daughter-in-law to help to compile *Children Like Me*, the publishing company's best-selling title this year. Kindersley Jnr, aka Barnabas, took the photographs, while Anabel, his wife supplied the text. "He's much cheaper you see," explains Kindersley Snr. "But Barnabas complained all the time, particularly when he was arrested in China over a dispute with a taxi driver who drove away with their camera equipment." His wife managed to find an interpreter, who negotiated a large payment for his freedom.

Tercentenarians

A DAY of wassail for members of The Tercentenarians, that club open to businesses whose companies date back at least 300 years. Eight members, including Christopher Hoare, the banker, and Richard Durtnell of the building company that dates from 1591, will meet today for the club's 28th annual meeting. Bryan Toye, chairman of Toye Kenning & Spencer and this year's host, will introduce members to Florrie Doyle, the only person now to make tassles and ornaments by hand for a Chancellor's robe, who arrived at the company aged 16 in 1935. "The only trouble is her time clock," whispers Toye. "It dates back to the old days, when she came in at six."



"Let's make an exhibition of ourselves"

Tax haven estate

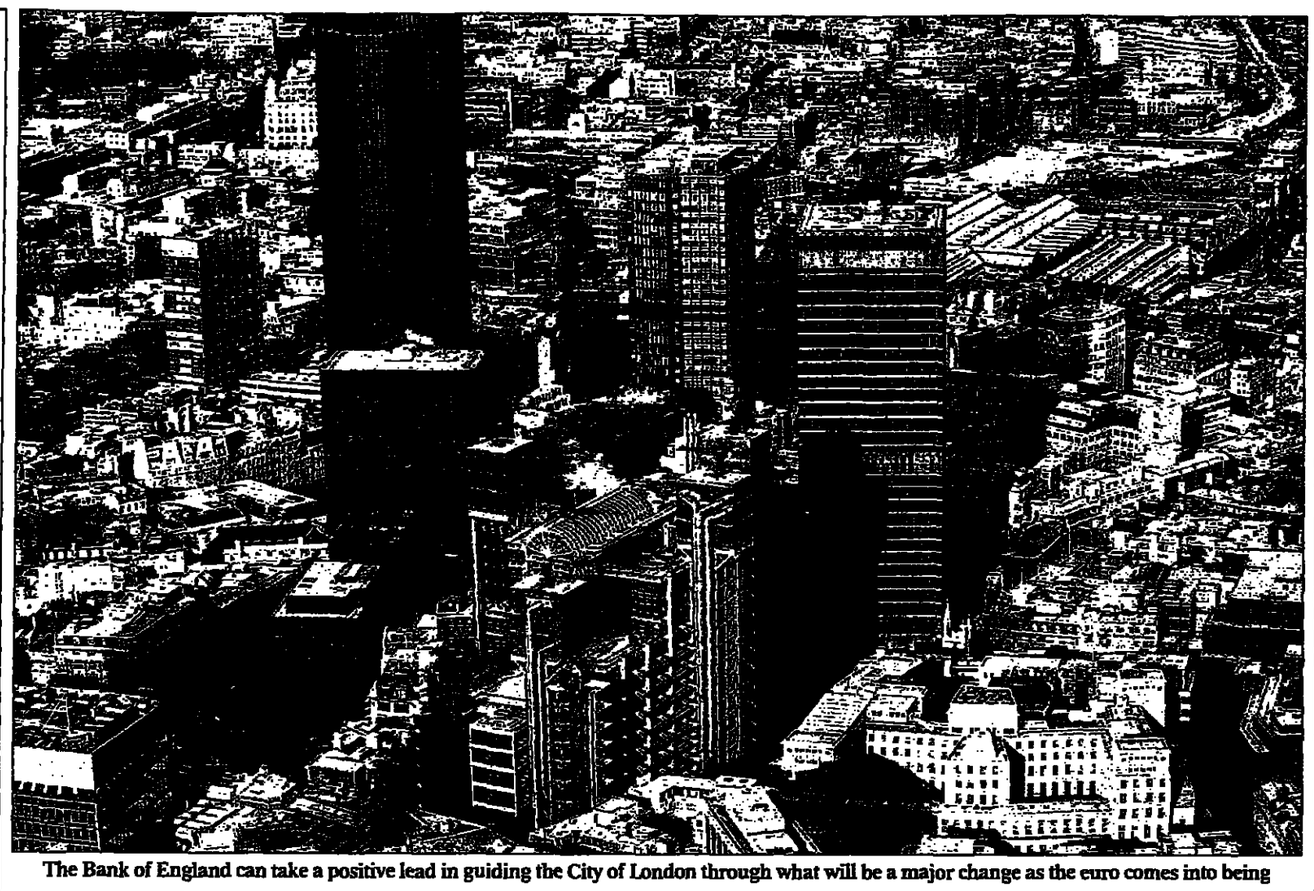
ANYONE looking for a bolt hole on the Isle of Man before the next elections, could do worse than the Ballamanaugh Estate. The tax haven's largest estate ever to come on the market was once home to Daniel McDonald, the inventor of the Dansette automatic record player changing device, and founder of BSR, the electronics empire. Priced at £3.5 million through Knight Frank, the 950-acre estate includes a mansion house restored to pristine condition during the 1980s by Dr McDonald.

Brought to book

FOUR solicitors from Ashurst Morris Crisp felt the firm arm of the law in two different countries this weekend. To raise money for St John Ambulance by travelling as far as possible from the Tower of London in 24 hours, the team enlisted the City of London Police to bundle them into the back of a van and drive them to Bishopsgate. Eighteen hours later, they arrived in Washington. Outside the White House with a bottle of bubbly, the team were set upon by an officer from the Alcohol Investigations Bureau, who instructed them on America's draconian drinking laws.

NUMBER Six Bishopsgate, former home to Barings, is now occupied by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, while its headquarters are being built on Great Winchester Street. So who will be the brave new sitting ducks, sorry tenants, when DMG moves out in two years?

MORAG PRESTON



The Bank of England can take a positive lead in guiding the City of London through what will be a major change as the euro comes into being

George reassures worriers on coping with the euro

Bank of England Governor believes that in or out of a single currency the City will thrive, says Janet Bush

We are not accustomed to thinking of Eddie George as a knight in shining armour, questing heroically in defence of his country. But with our political leaders sitting not on trusty steeds but on the fence as far as Europe is concerned, the Bank of England Governor is one of very few public figures clearly articulating some of the risks for Britain.

Mr George yesterday launched an effective broadside on two fronts. He demolished concerns in some sections of British business that the City will lose its position as Europe's pre-eminent financial centre if Britain fails to join a single currency.

He told a press conference to launch the Bank's second quarterly report on preparations for a single currency yesterday that there were risks and opportunities for London whether in or out of a single currency. On closer questioning, he admitted that it was rather difficult to identify risks to the City.

But Mr George also used the occasion to express his concern that countries such as France and Germany would press ahead with forming a single currency by the 1999 deadline in spite of the fact that the economic background remained "unpromising".

As suspicions grow that the Maastricht criteria will be fudged to allow France to join a single currency, he said political strife and economic instability would follow and that Britain should not expose itself to such heightened risks.

His list of some of the risks of forming a single currency without "substantive convergence" included difficulties in agreeing on a single monetary policy; the creation of areas of persistently high unemployment on one hand and areas of excessive inflationary growth on the other; and the need for enormous fiscal transfers from some regions to others.

The Governor said he would disapprove of creative accounting to qualify for a single currency. He would regard "shepherding some people through the door even if they haven't converged their economies properly" as creative accounting.

He said his concerns were shared by fellow central bankers serving on the European Monetary Institute, but they have not been expressed as forcefully in public. It is natural, of course, that the Governor from a "probably pre-out", as one official put it, is more free to express scepticism than even independent central bankers from countries that regard themselves as definite "ins".

It is ironic that Mr George may be one of the most honest voices on these issues, but is most unlikely to get a vote when the substantive decisions on the shape of Europe are finally made if Britain continues to exercise its opt-out.

But the Bank can take a firm and positive lead, whether Britain is "in" or "out", in guiding the City of London through what will be a major change as the euro comes into being. Mr George said yesterday that he believed that a core of countries would go ahead to form a single currency in 1999, whatever the economic problems, because of the political determination of Helmut Kohl and Jacques Chirac.

Because of this realisation, preparations for the coming of the euro in the City had intensified noticably since the first technical report by the Bank in May. Whatever our politicians eventually decide, Mr George is now confident that Britain will be ready to use the euro "at the wholesale level, in the payments system and across markets, by the beginning of 1999".

This sense of confidence goes some way to answering critics who have charged over the months that because of the obvious political ambiguities that have spawned a sense of unreality the Bank has been slow in preparing the commercial and financial community for the euro.

The Governor yesterday also repelled a threatened attack on the status of the City of London. He decried attempts by French and German banks to prevent equal access to Target, the new euro payments and settlements system, to those countries that remain outside the first wave of entrants to the single currency. The French and Germans have been arguing that "outs", expected to include Britain, should not have access to intraday credit from the European Central Bank (ECB) through the system.

In yesterday's report, the Bank said: "Any attempt to introduce differential terms for 'outs' compared with 'ins' would be discriminatory and be likely to contravene both the single market legislation and EU competition law."

Mr George expressed disappointment that constructive discussions in the European Monetary Institute were being threatened for the first time by jostling for national interests and said attempts at discrimination would be vigorously opposed by the Bank.

He was even more effective in deflating those who would try to wrest business away from the City. It just won't work, he said. Whether in or out of a single currency, the City will thrive.

On the narrow subject of differences over Target, banks could still trade liquidly in euros by borrowing from each other rather than the ECB. Spurred on by obvious irritation with this issue, officials are already talking about the Bank leading the way in designing a secondary market in euros in London. Just as when the huge Eurobond market sprang up in London when traders were looking for a market outside US regulation, so new "offshore" markets in euros could burgeon in London, a new and highly lucrative form of income.

But Mr George said that Target was not a show-stopping issue for London and suggested that its importance had been blown up because nobody could prove any negative implications for the City from the single currency.

It is a huge vote of confidence in the expertise of the City that a plethora of specialist associations representing different market segments have done the substantial technical work on preparing for the euro. British experts have also given substantial direct advice to the European Commission.

Mr George reassured the worriers very simply: "The euro is just a bigger Deutschmark. We have seemed to do perfectly satisfactorily handling the mark, just as we have the dollar and the yen. I am sure that the City will cope."



Eddie George would disapprove of creative accounting



ANATOLE KALETSKY

Wall St cheap at the price

Over the past 18 months, I have discovered an excellent answer to anyone who asks my advice about the raging bull on Wall Street. My first comment is that any financial pundit who declares that an economy or a stock market are in a "golden age", is almost certainly wrong. My second comment is that the American economy and stock market is in a golden age.

So much for investment advice. Now for the economics. My two remarks are not, in fact, as much at odds as they appear. By definition, great secular changes in economic and social conditions do not happen very often; so people who claim to spot them are usually wrong. Until the industrial revolution, great changes used to happen about every 500 years. Given the acceleration of technological and social change since then, once or at most twice in a working lifetime now seems about right.

Furthermore, everything depends on timing: markets may already have fully discounted an economic transformation by the time the pundits have become aware of it. This is why people so often lose money by following self-evident advice of the form "buy into Asia because that is where the growth is".

But how does all this theorising apply to the markets today? In the short-term, shares may be overbought and due for another correction. The trigger for such a correction might well be a small increase in US interest rates after the meeting of the US Federal Reserve Board next Tuesday. Unlike the suddenly euphoric markets, I still expect an early Fed tightening, despite the fairly benign inflation figures published last Friday. But allowing for some temporary turbulence, the bulls should remain firmly in charge, even after interest rates start to rise.

This is a statement that most investment professionals consider ridiculous. The conventional wisdom is that share prices always follow interest rates. But what the experts forget is that long periods sometimes occur when the underlying trend in share prices has nothing to do with interest rates or the economic cycle. Shares respond instead to great structural changes whose impact must be measured in decades, not months or even years. The question now is whether we are living through such a period.

Last month, a brilliant attempt to unravel these questions landed on my desk: a paper called *Stocks and Bonds, a Secular Study* by Brian Reading, published by Lombard Street Research in London. Through a detailed and entertaining examination of financial history and economic statistics, Mr Reading shows that market cycles can be divided into two very different types of movement. Short cycles, which typically last two to five years, are closely related to interest rates. But superimposed on these, there are far longer and more powerful trends. These seem to be governed by technological and social phenomena, above all the battle over income distribution that causes inflation.

Since World War Two, there have been three such great thrusts. The two decades from 1948 to 1968 were a golden age for investors: US share prices rose 8 per cent annually in real terms and the ratio of share prices to GDP increased 2.5 times. The period of social conflict from 1968 to 1982 saw an equally decisive bear trend: share prices fell 7 per cent per year in real terms and the ratio of prices to GDP fell by half. After 1982 another golden age began: share prices have risen 10 per cent annually since then. The ratio of equity values to GDP is now 1.5 times higher than it was in 1948. But assuming a real economic growth rate of 2.5 per cent from now on, share prices could double, in real terms, over the next ten years and still be below their peak level of 1968, relative to GDP.

I don't think Wall Street will double or anything like — and neither does Mr Reading, for interesting reasons connected with demographics. But do not be swayed by conventional pundits who say that Wall Street is "grossly overvalued". Beg, borrow or steal a copy of Mr Reading's paper instead.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Time for co-operative approach to devising a national strategy on housing

From David Hopkinson

Sir, Joe Dwyer, the chairman of George Wimpey, shows clearly that the supply of land is at the heart of the provision of adequate and affordable housing in this country (Land supply is key to a controlled housing recovery, Business News, September 7).

It is not a matter, however, of simply taking the Government's estimates of the number of extra homes needed over the next 20 years and requiring that the correct area of development land is released. The planning system exists to try to reconcile competing demands for protecting open land, for helping to ensure that local housing need is met, for trying to guide development on to suitable urban sites, for minimising the need to travel long distances, to bring back into use empty properties and to cater for the national demand for housing.

In some cases these aims may be irreconcilable, but in all cases there is the need for a greater level of mutual understanding of the genuine concerns of those who promote development and those who seek to control it.

It would be all too easy for the growing debate about the location of new housing to be reduced to the battle between the rapacious developer and the "Nimby" protectionist.

The only losers in such a one-dimensional conflict would be those who genuinely need housing and those areas that can benefit from the boost to the local economy that housing investment can bring.

At the local level, the house development industry is proving itself adept at entering into partnerships while the planning system can be flexible and innovative in encouraging such beneficial developments.

The challenge now is to bring such a co-operative approach to devising a national strategy for housing — a task not best left to government alone.

Yours faithfully,
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Minimum wage worry

From Ms Ruth Lea

Sir, I was intrigued by your headline "Small firms favour minimum wage" (Business News, September 9) — not least of all because this robust conclusion did not seem to be robustly supported by the data quoted in the accompanying article.

With only 24 per cent of respondents "strongly" in favour of a minimum wage, and a further 35 per cent only "tending" to support it, there did not appear to be the overwhelming endorsement of the minimum wage implied by the headline. Moreover, while "more than a quarter" of respondents backed a minimum wage set at more than £4 an hour, presumably a solid majority did not.

This strikes me as a fairly robust rejection of a range of very widely discussed possibilities for the level of the minimum wage. I worry, too, about the ready dismissal of nearly a quarter of respondents who, reading between the lines, felt their businesses would suffer if the minimum wage were to be introduced. A quarter is significant, especially if the damage leads to lost jobs (which is only too likely).

Recent research into our membership, many of whom run small and medium-sized businesses, showed a very high level of concern about the negative impact on business and jobs of a minimum wage. They most certainly did not "favour the minimum wage".

Yours sincerely,
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Loves Labour, is lost

From Mrs Sylvia Murphy

Sir, I note with interest that the chairman of Arjo Wiggins Appleton is backing Labour (*The Times*, September 4).

Sadly, as those who own AWA shares will appreciate, this amounts to the kiss of death.

Yours faithfully,
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Protean warns of problems at DWA

BY PAUL DURMAN

SHARES of Protean lost nearly a third of their value yesterday as the laboratory equipment maker gave warning of serious problems at DWA, the German water purification business bought last year for £12.9 million.

Protean, which has grown rapidly, said DWA's contribution to first-half profits will be about £1.25 million less than expected. The company has dismissed DWA's managing director and replaced him with Anita Sayer, who was running Elga, the main UK arm of Protean's water purification equipment business.

Protean said full-year profits will be materially lower than expected. The company intends to maintain its interim dividend for the six months to the September 30.

The shares ended the day 80½p lower at 169p, valuing Protean at about £70 million.

Three months ago, Geoff Spink, Protean's managing director, was positive about DWA, reporting substantial rises in sales and profits. DWA contributed £2 million of the group's annual pre-tax profit of £10.3 million.

Yesterday Mr Spink said DWA and Armin Bechtel, its former managing director, had failed to respond to a fall-off in orders. He said Mr Bechtel, who Protean recruited last November to replace DWA's vendor, was "a fair-weather manager who became less effective as it got tougher". The business was progressively stalling, and Mr Bechtel did not implement agreed changes.

Ms Sayer's responsibilities at Elma will be taken up by Keith Rippington, the firm's chairman, who is a director of Protean.

DAVID HOWELLS



Neil Ashley, left, chairman of Amey, and Eddie King, chief executive, reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £3.57 million from £1.74 million at the facilities management and construction group in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend rises to 3p from 2.4p, payable from earnings of 7.4p (4.1p). Order intake rose 163 per cent to £415 million in the first half and orders in hand advanced 71 per cent to £492 million

Morgan Crucible to double its operations in China

BY FRASER NELSON

MORGAN CRUCIBLE, the worldwide engineering group, is to double its presence in China by opening two new factories in a pioneering agreement with the Chinese Government.

The group has won approval to open a power transmition supplies factory, in which it will have a 71 per cent stake, and a ceramics factory, in which it will have a 100 per cent stake.

Foreign companies cannot, under Chinese law, wholly own a business, though the Morgan Crucible deal is officially described as a joint venture. The ceramics factory is to be built in Pu Dong, a new duty-free zone created to woo overseas manufacturers, but by invitation only.

The deals, expected to be formally announced in October and December respectively, will add to Morgan's worldwide production base. In the six months to June 30 the group lifted pre-tax profits 22 per cent to £51.4 million in difficult market conditions.

Bruce Farmer, managing director, put the results down to the group's diverse geographical spread, which had helped to insulate Morgan against the downturn in the European market.

After acquisitions in Germany and Hong Kong, overseas sales grew to 88 per cent of group total, with 12 per cent from the UK. On an underlying basis, turnover was £444 million (£411 million), leaving operating profit of £54 million (£49 million).

The group made £2.2 million from the sale of Franklin Oil. Dr Farmer said that the disposal had been made after fears that the consolidation in the US automotive supply business would leave Franklin handing its technology to its competitors. He said: "It was making a healthy operating profit, but we'd sooner have sold it at that stage than have waited until the situation had reversed." Morgan had been heavily hit by the General Motors strike in the US, he added, estimating that the group had lost sales of $13 million as a result.

Operating margins edged up from 12 per cent to 12.5 per cent, after Morgan raised prices by an average of 2 per cent across its operations.

Capital expenditure grew 22 per cent to £24.9 million — 5.4 per cent of sales. £12.9 million was spent on growth, and £5.23 million on lifting productivity.

Fully dilluted earnings rose 22 per cent, dismissing City speculation that the company's growth had peaked last year. Analysts upgraded pre-tax profit forecasts to £100 million for the full year, 18 per cent up on the £85 million struck in 1995. The shares rose 449½ to 460p. An interim dividend of 6.6p (6.25p) will be paid on January 6.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Goodhead sells titles for £5.7m

GOODHEAD GROUP, the printing and publishing group, is raising £5.7 million through the disposal of its UK publishing titles. The company is selling WHY Magazines, *Oxford Journal*, *Banbury Cake* and Goodhead Diocesan Publishing to Quasaforce, a new company established to make the purchase, for £5.5 million. Goodhead is to invest £1.03 million of the proceeds in Quasaforce, acquiring a 28.5 per cent interest.

Separately, the company is raising £200,000 through the sale of the *Sheffield Journal* to Hurst Publishing, a company in which John Madejski, the chairman of Goodhead, has a 67 per cent interest. Goodhead also announced a rise in in profits to £1.01 million before tax from £203,000 in the year to the May 31. Earnings were 1.6p a share (0.1p loss). There is a final dividend of 0.15p a share, making a total of 0.2p a share (0.05p).

Plan for Debenhams

PILLAR PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, the property development and investment company, has reached agreement with Burton Group, the retailer, to redevelop its existing Debenhams site at Briggate, Leeds, in a £20 million project. Pillar acquired the 85,000 sq ft site in 1991, with Debenhams as the tenant on a long lease until 2077. With the recent acquisition of an adjoining retail unit, the proposed scheme will provide 106,277 sq ft of retail space, incorporating a restaurant and roof terrace. Completion is scheduled for summer 1998.

Vebacom in 18-year deal

VEBACOM, an Anglo-German telecommunications joint venture, has signed an 18-year contract to develop a network throughout Germany using the Ruhrgas pipelines that connect all main towns and cities. The deal allows Vebacom, a venture between Cable and Wireless and Veba of Germany, to upgrade Ruhrgas's 2,500-mile telecommunications cable system with fibre-optic cable. Pipeline networks of smaller gas suppliers in Germany, including the former monopoly gas supplier in Eastern Germany, are also covered in the agreement.

Arlen's markets volatile

ARLEN, the electrical manufacturer and distributor, had cash balances of more than £14 million at the end of June. The company is increasing the interim dividend to 0.4p a share from 0.2p, after reporting a rise in pre-tax profits to £1.8 million from £1.53 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 1.6p a share, compared with 1.4p previously. The company said that its markets remain volatile and that there was no sign of any significant upturn in trade.

James Fisher advances

JAMES FISHER, the port services and shipping company, is increasing the interim dividend to 1p a share from 0.5p after reporting a rise in profits to £2.79 million before tax from £1.53 million in the six months to June 30. Adjusted earnings were 6.25p a share, compared with 4.46p. Trading profit, excluding profit on the sale of ships, was £2.15 million, compared with £1.14 million. David Cobb, chairman, said the company had made an encouraging start to the second half.

Delphi buys Alpine

DELPHI, the software-to-recruitment group, has bought Alpine, a Boston-based computer consultancy, for $24.5 million. The acquisition is expected to add annualised sales of $25 million to Delphi's US arm, which generated turnover of £19.7 million in the half year to June 30. Group revenue rose to £100 million (£83.2 million), with pre-tax profits £1.61 million ahead at £5.71 million. Earnings were 15.1p (11.7p) a share. An interim dividend of 2p (1.5p) will be paid on November 15.

BATM moves ahead

BATM Advanced Communications, which develops and manufactures data communications equipment, earned profits of $1.5 million before tax in the six months to June 30, up from $1.28 million. Earnings were 6.05 cents a share, up from 5.20 cents. The company, whose shares began trading on the Alternative Investment Market in July, said that turnover increased 73.6 per cent to $5.4 million. Reported profits were ahead of the forecast contained in the flotation prospectus.

Princedale dividend up

PRINCEDALE GROUP, the plastics, display fixtures and marketing services group, is increasing its interim dividend to 0.4p a share from 0.3p. In the six months to the end of June profits were flat at £1.27 million before tax, little changed from the £1.25 million previously. However, the company said that it was confident of significant progress in the second half. Turnover from continuing operations increased 27.9 per cent to £25.05 million.

Redrow anger at planning delays

BY OUR CITY STAFF

REDROW, the housebuilder, launched an attack on the planning system, saying lengthy delays were driving up prices to "unsustainable levels".

Steve Morgan, chairman, said the housing industry was facing a severe shortage of land as a result of considerable delays in the planning system.

His broadside came as the company announced it had seen its pre-tax profits fall 12 per cent to £26.5 million for the year to June 30 from £30.1 million for the previous financial year.

Mr Morgan said the group had run down its bank of sites with planning permission in order to avoid overpaying for land on the open market.

The chairman of the company, based in Clwyd, emphasised that the profit fall was due to the "extremely difficult" trading conditions in the last six months of 1995.

He said the company was ideally placed to take advantage of the current improvement in the housing industry and said he was confident the company would be able to achieve profit growth in the present financial year. He added: "Although I am cautious of the effects of a forthcoming general election, it is pleasing to note that the improvement witnessed during the spring has continued into the current period."

The total dividend is increased to 3.3p from 3.15p, with a 2.2p final, payable from earnings that fell to 8.5p a share from 10.8p.

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Reuters in control at Advalue

REUTERS HOLDINGS, the business information company, has taken full control of Advalue Media Technologies by buying the 50 per cent stake held by Westinghouse Electric for $12 million.

Reuters, which owns the other 50 per cent, said the arrangement included an eight-year agreement between Advalue and Westinghouse, which makes Advalue the exclusive provider of electronic advertising transaction services to the 14 television stations owned by CBS, a subsidiary of Westingouse.

Advalue volume, measured by the US dollar value of advertising business processed by the system, has grown steadily over the past several years. US dollar volume was $515 million in 1994, $833 million in 1995, and $777 million for the first six months of 1996.

L&M helped by housing upturn

BY MARTIN BARROW

LONDON and Manchester Group, the life assurance, corporate pensions and financial services group, said appointed representative and estate agency operations are benefiting from a more buoyant housing market.

The company, which is increasing the dividend by 8.5 per cent to 6.6p a share in respect of the six months to June 30, said there had been an 18 per cent reduction in appointed representative firms, reducing operational costs with the loss of overall new business volume.

David Hubbard, chairman, said: "The restructuring of our home service operations is well-timed to capitalise on improving market conditions."

He said results from appointed representative firms reflected gains in productivity per company representative "without compromising business quality".

Premium income rose to £154 million from £147.8 million. Although annual premium income fell to £17.2 million from £18.6 million in the industrial branch, it was maintained almost unchanged at £56.7 million (£58.2 million) in the ordinary branch. Premiums from corporate pensions and managed funds rose to £28 million from £26.3 million (annual premium) and to £45.7 million from £38.8 million (single premium).

Total new business from annual premiums edged higher to £12.8 million from £12.5 million. New business from single premiums rose to £52.1 million from £44.7 million.

Disposals continue at Adwest

ADWEST, the engineering company, is raising a total of £7.9 million through the sale of three businesses in its power systems division (Martin Barrow writes).

Abbott Electronics has been sold to Xcel Corporation, of America; Air-Log has been sold to EIS and the assets of Ross Courtney Cirencester have been sold to a management buyout team backed by 3i.

Adwest, which is undergoing restructuring, has raised £37.5 million through disposals this year and made two acquisitions at a cost of £33.8 million.

Yesterday Adwest reported total losses of £23 million for the year to June 30 after net charges of £29.3 million against disposals. Losses were 30.7p a share (12.5p earnings). Earnings from continuing operations were 9.5p. The total dividend is held at 7.8p, with an unchanged final of 5.5p.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

COOPER, HAROLD COOPER late of Birmingham, West Midlands died there on or about 30 December 1995 (Estate about £50,000)
GOWER, SIDNEY CHARLES GOWER late of Haywards Heath, West Sussex died there on 13 December 1993 (Estate about £6,200)
GWILLIM, JOHN GWILLIM late of Darlington, County Durham died there on 11 January 1996 (Estate about £6,100)
HOLT, WILLIAM HENRY HOLT late of Rugby, Warwickshire died there on 23 November 1995 (Estate about £40,000)
MADGE nee AVERN, BERTHA LILIAN MADGE nee AVERN WIDOW late of Tooting, London SW17 died there on 8 December 1993 (Estate about £9,000)
PATRICK, JOAN DUFFERIN WARREN PATRICK SPINSTER late of Bournemouth, Dorset died there on 18 June 1996 (Estate about £70,000)
SHILLABEER, ARTHUR HAROLD SHILLABEER late of Plymouth, Devon died there on 15 October 1995 (Estate about £35,000)
SHROSBREE otherwise SHOWBRAY, DONALD GEORGE SHROSBREE otherwise DONALD GEORGE SHOWBRAY late of Exeter, Devon died there on 25 April 1996 (Estate about £100,000)
TOWNEND nee OLIVANT, LILIAN TOWNEND nee OLIVANT WIDOW late of Leeds, West Yorkshire died there on 11 November 1994 (Estate about £48,000)
TRAFIUK otherwise TRAFUIK, STEFAN TRAFIUK otherwise STAFAN TRAFUIK late of Kidlington, Oxfordshire died at Oxford, Oxfordshire on 15 February 1996 (Estate about £50,000)
WALTON, HELEN WALTON otherwise HELEN WALTON SPINSTER late of Sydenham, London SE26 died at Lewisham, London SE6 on 26 February 1995 (Estate about £5,600)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (SV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

RSA (The Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce). The 242nd Annual General Meeting will be held at the Society's House on Wednesday 2nd October 1996 at 5.00 pm.
(By Order of the Council)
P J Cowling, Director

LEGAL NOTICES

IBM UNITED KINGDOM HOLDINGS LIMITED
Registered in England and Wales
Registered No: 122953

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to the Companies Act 1985 (the "Act") Part V Chapter VII that by written resolution of the above named company (the "Company") dated 11 September 1996 a special resolution was passed:

1. approving a form of contract providing for the purchase by the Company of 109,198,061 of its 6.8 per cent Cumulative Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares of GBP 1 Each for the aggregate sum of GBP 109,198,061; and
2. authorising the payment of GBP 109,198,061 of the said sum out of capital.

The statutory declaration of the directors of the Company and auditor's report required by the Act Section 173(5) are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at IBM North Harbour, Portsmouth, Hampshirte, PO6 3AU.

Any creditor of the Company may at any time within 5 weeks immediately following 11 September 1996 apply to the court under Section 176 of the Act for an order cancelling the resolution or for other releif.

The Secretary
IBM United Kingdom Holdings Limited
16 September 1996

The Insolvency Act 1986
TRADING ATTACK LIMITED T/A TRAINING MATTERS
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 9th September 1996.
E W SHEPPARD, Liquidator

TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE
0171-782 7344
FAX: 0171-782 7827
Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

The Insolvency Act 1986
INDEPENDENT DATA NETWORKS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 11th September 1996.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

IT is hereby informed that the civil case according to the claim of the Lithuanian Joint-Stock Innovation Bank to AMBER COAST OVERSEAS LIMITED on $306,808.64 will be heard at the Vilnius District Court of the Republic of Lithuania (Gedimino pr. 40, 2600 Vilnius) at 10 am. on 4 October 1996. Attendance of both sides required.

IMAGINE TRANSFERS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on 4th October 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning the Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the conduct of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 12th September 1996
TONY MERRINGTON, Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FALCON AVIATION SERVICES LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 2 October 1996 at The Old Bakery, Lower Road, Royston, Herts SG8 5EA at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 5th day of September 1996
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
IAN FRENCH, Director

TOTAL MINATOME OIL & GAS (UK) LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER 1009914
NOTICE TO CREDITORS On 6 September 1996 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 58, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT was appointed Liquidator by the members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman, Arthur Andersen, PO Box 58, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 6 November 1996.
The Liquidator also gives notice that the provision of Rule 4.182A (6) that on 6 December 1996 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 6 November 1996 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date 11.9.96
M FISHMAN, Liquidator

THE WATT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of The Watt Committee on Energy will be held at 1 & 2 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London WC1R 5BZ, on Friday the 20th day of September 1996 at 11.15 am for the purposes provided for in Section 98, 100 and 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986
A list of the names and addresses of the above company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge, during business hours on the 18th and 19th days of September 1996 at the offices of Begbie Nevins & Partners, 1 & 2 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, London, WC1R 5BZ
Dated this 5th day of September 1996
J C SMITH, Director

Two Dogs deal puts bite into Bulmer's alcopops

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE, IN SYDNEY



MacGillivray: proud

HP BULMER, the cidermaker, stepped up its commitment to the controversial alcopops market yesterday with an agreement to make and distribute Two Dogs, an Australian alcoholic lemonade, in Australia and New Zealand.

Two Dogs, which was created by chance in South Australia two years ago from non-saleable lemons, is already made and distributed by Merrydown, a rival British cidermaker, in Europe.

Last year, Two Dogs, whose launch sparked off a raft of rival alcoholic drinks — which have been the source of much debate —clocked up worldwide sales of around A$90 million (about £45 million).

Michael Taylor, managing director of Bulmer Australia, said: "Bulmer is very pleased to be associated with Two Dogs. We are confident that this excellent product has very significant development potential within our markets."

Under the 15-year agreement, Bulmer will make and distribute Two Dogs in Australia and New Zealand from its existing production facilities in Sydney and Fremantle.

It is estimated that sales of Two Dogs in Australia and New Zealand will be worth up to A$150 million over the next 15 years.

The drink was previously made by Coopers, a South Australian brewer, and distributed by Inchcape, the British services group, in the Australian market.

Duncan MacGillivray, founder and managing director of Two Dogs, said: "I am extremely proud to be associated with Bulmer. This is an historic moment for our company.

"This important agreement will build on our successful distribution of Two Dogs in Australia and boost our fast-growing export business.

"The fact that product can be shipped from Sydney and Fremantle will result in real opportunities in expanding our domestic distribution and export business."

Strong demand for Two Dogs in the UK helped Merrydown to push up its profits from £340,000 to £1.16 million in the half year to September 1995.

Two Dogs is already distributed in some 40 countries worldwide.

Irish society rules out early float

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

FIRST National Building Society, based in the Irish Republic, yesterday appeared to rule out a market flotation before the end of the year after reporting a 11 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits to Ir£9.7 million from Ir£8.7 million. The building society said that there had been an 88 per cent jump in new loans, reflecting the extensive discount pricing in the mortgage market in Ireland and the UK.

The group, which includes the Mortgage Trust and the recently acquired The Mortgage Corporation, both in South East England, advanced Ir£240 million in new loans in the six months to June 30, compared with Ir£128 million. Total income increased 9 per cent to Ir£35.59 million.

John Smyth, managing director, said a stock market flotation was "a serious option for us, of course, but the time is not now". On the outlook for the rest of the year, Mr Smyth predicted continuing buoyancy in the Irish mortgage market and a significant pick-up in retail house prices in the UK. The First National currently has about 14 per cent of the Irish mortgage market.

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Shares edge higher

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	472	+ 5	6.2	17.9
625	500	Bulmer (HP)†	565	– 2½	2.9	18.9
131	96	Burn Stewart	97½	– 1	5.4	12.3
775	615	Glenmorangie A	775		1.9	18.9
491½	411	Grand Met	469½	+ 2½	3.9	20.5
493	435	Guinness	489½	+ 1	4.0	15.3
378	315	Highland Dist	347½		2.3	16.2
803	342½	Matthew Clark	362½	– 2½	0.3	17.3
141	93	Morrison (W)	123	+ 1	4.6	11.2
3612½	1606½	SA Breweries	1650		2.2	.

BANKS

3718½	2743½	ABN-AMRO†	3550	+ 35	3.8	12.4
663	526	Abbey Natl	610½	+ 6½	4.8	11.3
385	315	Alfred Irish	382½	+ 4½	3.7	11.0
354½	265	Aus New Z	354½		5.2	8.7
5443½	3843½	Bank Americ†	5387½			
319	257½	Bank Scotland	296½	+ 2½	3.3	10.9
253	169	Barclays†	245	– 1	3.7	10.3
494½	413	Bk of Ireland†	494½	+ 4½	3.8	11.3
482	379	Cater Allen	476½		9.0	12.4
5668½	4031½	Citicorp	5662½			
382	318	Close Bros	345		3.3	15.3
2157½	1331½	Commerzbk	2142½	+ 6½	3.5	.
1350	1068½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1085½		0.5	.
3412½	2550	Dresdner Bk	3086½		2.5	.
806½	593½	Espirito Santo	803½		4.4	10.8
1507	1177½	Fuji Bank Y	1307½	– 1½	0.4	.
472	333	Gerrard Nat	394		9.6	10.6
2677½	196	Hambros	2561½	+ ½	3.7	.
1207½	931	HSBC†	1205	+ 16	3.9	11.4
1177	930	HSBC HK†	1173½	+ 13½	4.0	11.1
436	385	Irish Perm†	436		3.3	11.9
177	143	King & Shaxson	168½		6.4	14.5
458	405	Leopold J†	455		6.4	16.5
787½	594½	Lloyds TSB†	786½	+ 9½	3.8	16.8
881	566	Nat Aust Bk	624½	– 8½	7.0	8.0
711	605½	Nat Westm†	687½	+ 9½	4.8	13.9
65	49½	Rea Brothers†	53½		4.3	21.0
596	458	Rpl Bk Scot	490	+ 1	4.3	10.5
1462½	1185	Schroders†	1380	+ 6	1.6	15.8
1137½	880	Schroders (NV)	1088	+ 6	2.0	12.3
134	92	Singer & Friedl	129	– 1	2.3	12.4
728	547	Standd Chartr†	713	+ 9½	2.1	13.9
1164½	855½	Unicorn	114	+ ½	3.3	12.3
5174½	4131½	Wells Fargo	5164½		2.0	.
329½	264	Westpac	322½	– 1	4.4	9.9
360	268	Wintrust	350		4.5	17.5

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

90	36	Allnatt Sh HC	70			5.9
387	253	Ascot Hldgs	332½			12.5
846½	702	Bass	802½	+ 6½	3.6	17.3
70	48	Bk for the Bdr	49½		4.3	15.1
177	161	Bortwood Bre	167		4.1	15.1
175½	92	Chy Centre Restr	124		2.3	23.4
621	463	Compass Gp	555	– 7	2.3	23.7
266	199	Eldridge P A'cn	256½	+ 2½	3.7	17.3
540	413	Fitth Sm 'A'	467½	– 2½	2.5	16.0
636	545	Greenalls Gp	555		5.3	15.1
671	567½	Greene King'A'	644½		3.0	16.1
285	190	Grosvenor Invst	214½		3.4	15.2
556	204	Groupe Chez Gas	228½	+ 1	1.4	23.2
357	297	Hardy Hanson	297½		4.3	11.1
3475	3035	Hsbk J	3037½		2.3	16.5
72	49	Inn Leisure	71		1.9	13.5
355	312	Mansfield	313½	– ½	2.4	15.3
353½	275	Marston Thmp	287½	+ ½	3.2	11.8
673	535	Morland	585		2.5	16.0
154	118	My Kinda Town	148		2.5	14.6
7½	4½	Pacific Inv	5½	+ ½	4.8	9.2
170½	123	Pubcon Gp†	169½		1.5	23.2
458½	217	PizzaExpress	436½		0.7	45.2
438	245	Ramsdens (H)	405	+ 7½	1.5	43.4
530	358	Regent Inns	437½	– 6	0.2	36.6
700	581	Scot & Newc†	681½	+ ½	4.5	14.7
355	188	Tom Cobleigh	334	– 2½	1.4	39.3
313	265	Vaux Group	270		4.8	13.9
1058	640	Wetherspoon JD†	990	+ 8½	1.1	.
758	672	Whitbread	701½	+ 1½	3.9	15.2
1853	578	Wolverhampton D	603½		3.7	16.7
497	297	Yates Bros	366½	+ ½	4.2	26.9
650	425	Young 'A'	645		2.9	25.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

33	15	AAF Ists	24			.
190	135	Abbey†	170		4.2	.
285	212½	Allen	280½		3.1	19.3
121	87½	Amec	102	+ 4	3.7	15.8
370	117	Amey	367	+ 16½	2.6	23.0
495	233	Ashtead Sytes	495	+ ½	1.0	58.2
2767½	152	Balfour	2761½	+ 2½	1.1	23.7
38	26	Avonside	35½		3.5	.
34½	24	Bailey (Ben) Corr	30½		4.3	12.3
36	24	Barrow	31½		1.7	.
281	219	Barratt Devs	271	+ 2½	3.6	16.7
213	186	Beazer Homes	183	+ ½	4.0	14.8
344	249	Bellway	343½	+ 3	2.8	17.1
21	14½	Bellwinch	16	+ ½	.	.
630	483	Berkeley Gp†	597	+ 4½	1.8	17.2
173	133	Bett Bros	163½		4.1	9.6
250	175	Bovis (Henry)	229		4.1	9.9
133	91	Brandon Hire	122½		2.5	16.9
30	19	Britannia Gp	29½		6.8	24.6
54	31	Bt Bldg & Eng	41			.
135	104	Bryant	134	+ 1	5.1	15.0
88	65	Bullough	105½		4.1	.
29	10	Campbell & Arm†	10½			8.3
61½	37	Clarke T†	61½	+ 5	9.0	.
103	36	Costain	59	– 1		.
87	51	Countrysidet	73½		4.8	.
85	54½	Crest Nicholsont	73	– ¾	3.4	19.3
88	65½	Cussons†	66½	– 3	7.3	10.8
220	118	Evo Group	140		6.8	.
32	15	Guilford	20		5.2	63.3
863	733	Gleeson (MJ)	832½		2.3	15.5
61	49½	Green (Ernest)	45½		7.4	.
379	265	Hanelock Euro	368½		1.2	27.3
183	119	Hawtin-Chad	179½	+ 2½	3.0	13.9
162	78	Higgs & Hill	81½		3.1	.
21	15	Howard Hldgs†	18		5.6	16.5
109	22	Jarvis	93½	+ 2	.	.
188	128	Kellett	171½		3.2	14.2
243	144½	Lang (J)	230½		4.1	.
117	97	Laing (Lrs Cl 'A'	105		7.6	.
21	9½	Lovell (TJ)	18½			.
218	191	Maandeo (J)	192½		3.7	12.1
197	129	McAlpine (A)	157½		5.5	.
101	85	McCarthy & S	97½		3.3	13.2
193½	81	Morgan Sindall	180	+ ½	2.2	17.7
175½	122	Morrison Cons	175½		3.0	13.4
96	58½	Mowlem (J)	89½		2.8	14.3
242	173	Persimmon†	210½	+ 1½	5.6	22.3
90	70	Ptarmigan	104	– 1	1.9	10.5
145	97	Prowting	130½		3.6	27.7
20	12½	Rand Ind	15½			.
152	113	Redrow	134	+ 1	3.1	.
66	45	Secure Retun	45½		3.7	23.8
330	258	Sheriff Hdgs†	264		3.3	11.1
92	68	Stancroft	72½	+ ½	7.2	9.7
378	343	Speyder	355½		1.0	21.7
169	115½	Tay Homes	118½		7.4	10.8
177	115	Tarmac Woodhe	176	+ ½	3.9	28.4
508	408	Tatlisky Doughs	485		5.6	14.9
16½	10½	Try Group	12			.
103	74	Wimpey†	78		6.5	.
111	85	Warehouse	105		9.4	66.7
53	38	Ward Hldgs	41½		3.0	11.1
2334	1170	Westbury	2324		3.3	20.9
9½	6½	Wiggins	9½	+ ½	.	63.7
190	158	Wilson (C)	161½		3.5	23.3
473	354	Wilson Bowden	439	+ 1	2.9	20.5
160	127½	Wimpey (G)	139½		5.3	.

BUILDING MATERIALS

15	5½	Aldridge(J)	6			.
390½	264	BPB Ind	388½		3.1	19.3
124	97	Baggeridge Bri	113½		3.4	21.8
82	31	Bardon	35½	+ ½	7.1	15.2
49½		Blockleys	46½			.
393	322	Blue Circle†	390½	+ 6½	4.1	28.3
97	77	Brereton PLC	95½		6.3	15.6
80	51	Br Dredging	73½		4.1	14.5
673	473	Br Polythene	637½	– 5½	4.4	16.0
48	32½	Cakebread Rbyt	40½	+ ½	6.2	11.4
173	140	Cape	155½		9.0	.
257½	195½	Cattoon	256½	+ 1	4.7	28.2
127	106	Caradon Pf	125½		7.2	.
219	158	Chefton Gp†	441		4.2	71.9
215	158	Dyson (JB&J)†	202½		2.8	16.8
83	70	Dyson A'I	81½		6.4	6.8
238	200	Epwell	211		5.3	15.9
163½	121½	Ibstock	135½	– 1	.	15.4
51	36	Gibbs & Dannerl	44	+ ½	5.5	8.6
309	124	Graham Gp	126½	+ 1½	5.7	24.7
406	343½	Hallstead (J)	400½		3.2	14.9
421	253	Hepworth	265	+ 4	5.3	15.5
36	26	Hewetson†	29½		5.3	13.5
259½	215	Heyed Wat	253½	+ 2	6.9	12.0
79	60	Ibstock	65		3.8	8.2
508	355	Johnson	485		3.8	12.0
88	65	Lilleshall†	70½		8.6	11.2
155	111	Marley†	133½		4.4	17.5
184	131½	Marshalls†	143½	– 2	4.5	12.6
421	349	Meyer Int	410½	– ½	2.4	17.7
143	112½	Newman Tstact	140½		7.6	20.2
105	83	Norcros	95½			64.5
23	16	Phoenix Timber	22		1.1	.
215	175	Pilkington	208½	+ 1	3.1	11.9
2064½	1705	Redland	2041		2.4	17.3
1196½	928	RMC Gp	1185½	+ 14	2.6	15.4
476½	350	Redland	472½	+ 2½	4.4	18.0
123	84½	Ruskin	91		6.4	10.0
153	87½	Rutherford	99½		4.1	16.9
140	105	Rugby Group	112½	+ 1	4.1	18.9
121	101½	Russell (A)	102½		3.3	18.9
248½	196	SIG	256½	+ 2½	3.2	12.8
4½	3	SWP	3¾			.
240½	156	Sharpe & Fisher	203½		3.3	18.2
2½	1½	Spring Ram	2½			.
230	175	Steinhouse Hldgs	216	– 1	4.5	18.0
136	95½	Tarmac	97	+ 1	7.1	15.8
147	97	Tilbn	100		6.0	10.9
478½	350	Tomkins	464	+ 3	2.6	18.9
40	35½	Tudor	37½		3.2	12.4
489	415	Wellaway	483	+ 5	2.6	16.7

CHEMICALS

207	156	Allnatt & Wil	201½	+ 2	4.0	17.1
142	113	Allied Colloids	142	+ 2	2.5	24.8
210	150	Ambro Int	152½		4.7	10.8
105	66	Amterley Gp†	90½		1.9	21.5
1913½	1443½	BASF DM	1883½		4.0	15.1
241	184	BOC	218		4.4	17.4
317½	258	BTP	297½		3.7	10.7
2371½	1716½	Bayer DM50	2371½	+ 25	2.7	.
112	70	Bland Chems	98½		4.1	28.1
248½	192	Br Vita	246½	+ 9½	4.6	19.3
261	152	Canning (W)	255		3.9	16.5
551	196	Cay Technology	495	– 5½	4.3	23.3
470	401	Chemstar	414½	+ 2	3.6	16.6
351	294	Croda†	345½		3.2	15.7
298	250½	Doeflex	265½		4.5	13.8
295	246	Elem & Everard†	277½		4.3	15.7
94	67	Euro Colour	76		3.6	15.8
197	119	Gibbons†	171½	– 3½	7.2	7.8
93	67	Hickson	77½		2.5	.
2381½	1750	Hoechst	2164½		4.5	19.6
166	102	Holliday Chem†	141		4.6	20.2
225	175	IBIH	537½	– 2½	3.2	11.6
388	289½	Imtech'W	340	+ 7½	3.2	.
147	111	Inkind	118½	+ ½	9.2	.
782	629	Laporte	742½	+ 4½	3.9	13.2
255	197½	Minorers	215		6.8	10.3
100	76	Minotaur	93		3.4	12.8
42	34	Mondrch†	37		2.8	23.5
294	260	Norvert	291		2.4	19.7
327½	231	Scapa	272½	+ 3½	3.1	15.4
34	26	Satellite Speak	30½		2.8	12.6
1165½	932½	Takeda Chem	1146½	– 6	0.7	16.6
1133	788	Wickstone R	1092½	+ 2½	3.6	12.7
396	280	Yorks Chem†	340½		4.4	13.9
392	305	Yule Catto	386½		2.6	19.1

DISTRIBUTORS

121	85½	AB Leis	86½		6.3	10.9
465	368	Adam & Harvey†	377½	– 10	6.5	6.7
18	14	Alexanders	15½		9.7	.
113	78	Applegarth	87½		8.9	10.0
4	3	Asc Bc Engr	3½		2.1	.
600	506	BSS Group	600		4.3	18.6
38	21½	Bendt	23½		4.4	13.2
88	66	Bowng Power	23½		6.7	16.6
26	16	Bowng Power	24½		7.1	14.4

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

615	426	Bramaret	613½	+ 6½	3.0	17.5
26½	18	Bridgend Gp	26		1.0	.
113	76	Bsl Fittings	98½		4.8	11.1
290	245	Callyns	285		5.0	22.6
160	109	Greenalls†	140		3.0	9.7
107½	78	Charles Sidney	97½	– 1	5.4	12.3
78	54½	Cook (DC)†	70½		3.7	8.6
464½	276½	Cowie'A'	398½	+ 13½	3.5	13.4
175	139½	Dag Majors	134½		7.0	9.6
163	125½	Dawsons Gl	162½		2.3	14.3
424	358	Diploma	345		5.3	12.1
407	339	Dobbies(spmn)	399	+ 2	2.7	25.6
314	172	Eurotisc Elect	196½	+ 1	3.3	18.0
134	65	Eurotrolle	133½	+ 1	4.2	18.5
186	76	European Mkt	184		6.2	11.7
375	292½	Evans Halshaw†	284½		7.2	11.1
67	48	Fitr Indstrl†	49½	+ 1	8.3	7.4
328	248	Finelist Grp†	315½	+ 6½	2.5	.
30½	16½	Gardner†	29	+ ½	1.7	12.0
81	33½	Glazewindow	71½		1.8	21.1
91	72½	Glenmgs	74		4.7	12.4
101	82	Hunslet	92½		8.1	.
283	216	Hunt (Philip)	269½		3.9	19.6
2555	2001	Hoskins	2535		2.2	24.2
200	132	Holdern Tech†	180		6.3	11.3
192½	153	ISA Intl†	191½		1.7	17.7
316	231	Inchcape	308	+ 4½	3.7	.
218	33	Jacks (Wm)	74½		2.9	26.8
200	168	Keith-Prt	200		2.5	17.6
330	299	Lex Service†	328	+ 1	5.1	12.1
155	119	Lookers†	130½	– 1	8.3	7.1
17	10½	Mateys Grp	12	– ½	6.9	12.4
9½	6½	Middlecroft	7½	– ½	1.3	11.1
47	37	Micklefield	40	– ½	0.6	.
565	448	Nichols†	498	+ 4	1.8	14.8
349	280	Northn Ind†	287½		1.8	10.5
192	168	PCTC	176		7.7	11.7
341	272	Pendragon†	328	+ ½	3.6	15.5
211	145	Perry Gp	182½		5.8	9.1
745	602	Premier Farnell	679½	+ 1	2.0	18.1
190	136	Quicks Group†	169½	– 5	5.1	12.0
315	185	REA†	308		2.2	29.2
3	3	Rence	3½			.
54	29½	Ronson'W	37		7.1	9.1
7	2	Ross Gp	3½			.
56	46½	SKF Indl†	55	– ½	3.9	11.4
195	98	Salts	187½	+ 3½	1.2	35.2
350½	246	Time Products	330½	+ 1	3.3	.
47	30	Tones Hire	35½		4.5	16.5
2824½	133	UMECO	275	– 2½	1.9	24.1
3075	2624½	Vardy (Hldg)†	3022½		2.7	14.2
363	295	Vardy Pipe Hgs	363		4.8	17.3
59	25½	Whitehall	34	+ ½	3.1	9.2
149½	75½	Wyko A	140		2.0	.
153	104	Young (H)	123½		4.0	11.4

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

11½	8½	Anglo Utd	9½			.
388	298	Ashtead	369		1.8	13.8
1056	804	Bolton Hill	858½	– 6½	3.0	18.7
348	229	BTR	277½	– 2½	4.5	20.1
586	421	BUNZL	439	– ½	7.8	8.5
354	149½	Bowland Int	150½		2.9	10.9
144	96	Bunzl (J)	138	+ 1	2.8	18.7
26	18	Burnden Hldgs	23		2.2	14.5
972	810	Charles†	847½	– 6	4.1	12.1
326	246	Coalcourt	257½	– ½	4.1	10.2
193	141	Cordff	189½	+ 2	6.0	12.0
1453	1204	DCC	1427½		3.4	13.7
149½	113	Evenspass Hdg	140	– ½	5.4	15.6
220	151½	Ransomt	163½		9.2	8.3
172½	121	Hanson Cuild	137½	+ ½	4.2	11.0
1066½	767	Hr Aerospace	1065½	+ 3½	1.6	22.1
391	161	Hr Stead	197½	– ½	6.5	5.2
567½	367½	Jardine Matth	426½		2.7	10.4
217½	167½	Landrd	181	– ½	3.3	21.5
191	164	McLeod Russel	180½		4.5	15.5
418	288	Powell Duffryn	408½	+ 6	6.8	.
146	111	Ropner	111	– 5	9.3	9.6
17	10½	Matsys Grp	12	– ½	6.9	12.4
9½	6½	Middlecroft	7½	– ½	1.3	11.1
47	37	Micklefield	40	– ½	0.6	.
565	448	Nichols†	498	+ 4	1.8	14.8
349	280	Northn Ind†	287½		1.8	10.5
192	168	PCTC	176		7.7	11.7
341	272	Pendragon†	328	+ ½	3.6	15.5
211	145	Perry Gp	182½		5.8	9.1
745	602	Premier Farnell	679½	+ 1	2.0	18.1
190	136	Quicks Group†	169½	– 5	5.1	12.0
315	185	REA†	308		2.2	29.2
3	3	Rence	3½			.
54	29½	Ronson'W	37		7.1	9.1
7	2	Ross Gp	3½			.
56	46½	SKF Indl†	55	– ½	3.9	11.4
195	98	Salts	187½	+ 3½	1.2	35.2
350½	246	Time Products	330½	+ 1	3.3	.
47	30	Tones Hire	35½		4.5	16.5
2824½	133	UMECO	275	– 2½	1.9	24.1
3075	2624½	Vardy (Hldg)†	3022½		2.7	14.2
363	295	Vardy Pipe Hgs	363		4.8	17.3
59	25½	Whitehall	34	+ ½	3.1	9.2
149½	75½	Wyko A	140		2.0	.
153	104	Young (H)	123½		4.0	11.4

ELECTRICITY

107½	89	Br Energy Pf†	104½	– ½	8.5	9.2
737	514	East Midlands†	565½	+ ½	7.1	8.5
973	757	London Elect	920½	+ ½	8.0	8.5
208	164½	National Grid†	169	+ 1	7.6	6.4
615	373½	National Power	398	+ 1½	7.2	5.6
724	497	Northern Elec	538½	+ 5	9.4	6.3
456	324	Nthn Ireland	331	+ 1	7.2	5.6
825	662	Powergen	797½	+ 4	6.3	6.4
373	289	Scot Hydro	362	+ ½	6.7	6.9
394½	293½	Scottish Power†	386½	– ½	6.3	6.8
910	650	Southern Elec	874	– 3½	7.0	7.8
910	650	Yorkshire Elec	725	+ ½	6.8	6.9

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

562	539½	Acal	531½		2.0	17.7
311	185	Acorn Comp	298½			.
333	163½	Admiralt	326½		0.8	33.3
218½	134	Aerostrct	153	+ ½	2.2	.
52	33	Anlec	46		3.5	11.7
164½	110	Anlec	148	– ½	1.4	18.4
762	488	Arbor	751	+ 1	0.8	24.8
360	278	Bicc	352	+ ½	4.0	8.2
556	445	Blckt	539		3.2	14.5
484	383	Bowthorpe	442½		2.7	18.2
249	14	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	14		4.0	5.7
133	98½	Chd Micro	110½		4.5	17.9
38	24	Channel Hldgs†	33		5.2	11.0
36	32½	Chloride	34½		1.6	20.2
82	66	Clayhithe	74½		5.8	8.2
50	34½	Cray Elect	34			.
1090	639	Dialight	898½	+ 1	1.5	26.2
949	368	Dwnts Ox Sys	897½	+ 15	0.4	35.8
494	333	Delta†	402½	+ 4	5.0	36.2
450	340	Dewhirst	378		3.4	49.3
85	54	Dowding Mills	79½		4.8	.
3700	1541	Easl&CW	3675		0.5	40.3
3840½	2616½	Electrnic 'B'	3840½	+ 109½	3.2	10.6
92	65	Eurocopy†	80½		3.8	12.1
1616½	1125	Evocson 'B'	1616½	+ 43½	1.0	28.8
582	515	Excelsior†	550½	+ 2½	1.9	20.8
697½	533	Falrey Engg	679½	– 1	1.5	23.6
497	194	Filtronic Comt	224	– 1	0.6	78
374	155	Forward Gp	263½		0.9	24.5
180	64½	Fortrend Tech	85		5.9	8.5
386	341	Gresty	365	+ 6	4.0	17.9
137	113	Gressby	129½		6.5	22.6
142½	93½	Hall Cornrd	136½		3.3	.
38½	25	Hamblt†	28	– ½	3.9	18.4
131	94	Hazlet	122	+ 2½	3.8	11.4
57	34	Hrtn Ind	43½		5.3	9.5
315	260	HTL Instr'n	310		3.9	16.8
160	24	Magnum Power'D	27½			.
298	248	Marston-Sort	263½	– ½	2.5	17.8
72	37½	Microvitec	37½	+ ½	3.5	10.4
472	340	Mitel	425			.
87	36	Neotronics	87½		1.2	.
543	405	Oxford Instr	456		1.8	16.6
227	173	Pace Micro	216	– 1	1.4	.
1180	930½	Pace Isltdsc	945½	– 10	4.4	.
131	97	Peak	117½		3.6	17.0
2765½	1853½	Philips Lmp rts	2188½		3.6	7.7
239	141	Psiemac	190½	– 1	3.5	10.6
1911½	1614	Psiemon	1901½			29.5
204	146	Pressac	189½	+ 3	2.4	11.8
48	33	Prestwich	39			20.1
470	236½	Pulsar†	433½	+ ½	0.5	37.4
348	275	Racal Elect	287½	– ½	2.5	19.7
103	78	Redmnc	95½		3.1	19.8
297	227	Rembrd	283		2.6	.
580	380	Renishaw	514	+ 4	1.7	20.6
6	1½	Redmnc	3¾	– ½		.
316	256	Roxboro	313	+ 3	2.4	15.9
211	145	Servomex	203	+ 4	2.4	22.1
745	602	Spectrum Sig	727½		2.5	16.2
43	27	Soundtrac'D	31½		3.7	.
3960½	3000½	TDK	3687½	– 3½	0.8	.
34½	6	TDS Circuits'D	29½			.
116	94	TEI	115		3.5	13.0
175	92½	TLG	115½	– ½	4.7	11.0
79	44½	Tadpole Tech	48½	+ 1		.

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Japan	201.40	215.20	- 0.30	
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BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
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America	347.90	371.40†	+ 2.00	
Bond	116.30	124.50	+ 1.00	5.71
Brt Smlr Cos	121.40	129.10	- 0.10	1.76
Com & Gen #	70.92	75.45†	+ 0.11	5.19
Europe	291.10	308.80	+ 3.10	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	127.90	135.60	+ 0.70	0.58
Income Gwth	373.20	397.00†	+ 0.60	4.78
Japan	313.70	333.30	- 0.70	
Latin American	86.18	91.89	+ 0.73	0.77
Pacific	116.30	123.70	+ 1.60	0.96
UK Smlr Cos	89.50	94.36	- 0.30	1.24
Japan Fd	657.60	676.90	- 0.30	0.94
Mngd Fd	207.20	219.90	+ 1.10	2.74

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
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Brit & Overs	358.80	380.10		0.91
Capital Gwth	129.30	136.80		2.42
Wrldw Opps	219.90	232.60		0.86

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
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Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	436.80	464.80	+ 3.70	2.46
European Bal Inc	86.60	99.99	+ 0.31	0.72
Exempt	84.25	89.60	+ 0.71	2.85
500	516.10	563.30†	+ 0.50	2.35
General	333.20	356.80	+ 2.50	2.51
Property	244.90	260.80		5.18
Trustee	229.60	245.50	+ 2.10	2.38
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90	+ 0.10	4.95
Distribution ⊕ #	113.40	113.90†	+ 0.70	6.02
Euro Income #	133.00	146.60	+ 1.10	4.73
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.05	62.00†	+ 0.29	7.90
Income #	583.90	635.10	+ 4.40	4.67
Income Builder #	69.23	73.65†	+ 0.46	5.38
Intl Income	71.41	75.96	+ 0.67	2.71
Growth Trusts - Uk				
Capital	144.10	153.70†	+ 1.20	1.95
FTSE 100	181.80	188.70	+ 1.00	2.83
Leisure	182.60	195.30	+ 0.70	0.67
Recovery	503.50	539.00	+ 2.20	3.83
Smlr Cos Inc	59.85	64.15†	+ 0.34	2.10
Special Sits	399.00	426.70	+ 3.40	1.25
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	174.70	186.50	+ 1.60	0.16
Asset Acc	195.60	209.30	- 0.80	1.83
Asset Inc	170.80	182.80	- 0.50	1.83
Euro Smlr Cos	185.10	207.30†	+ 2.60	
-do- Accum	212.30	226.40†	+ 2.70	0.55
Japan & Gen Inc	148.80	157.50	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	150.50	159.30	- 1.90	
Japan Spec Sits	70.02	74.17	- 0.14	
Worldwide	200.10	212.40	+ 1.60	0.44

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
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American Growth	134.30	141.90	+ 3.00	
Amer Smlr Cos	170.50	183.40	+ 2.70	
Convertibles	60.06	64.33†	- 0.47	4.60
Emerg	302.40	319.40†	+ 4.40	0.30
Equity Income	99.21	105.30	+ 0.90	4.20
European Growth	366.70	389.70	+ 4.50	0.65
Europe	361.20	383.40	+ 4.50	0.60
Extrmm Growth	89.11	95.34	+ 0.80	0.50
Global Bond	70.95	74.64	+ 0.48	6.20
Global Growth	148.30	157.60	+ 1.80	0.46
Japan Growth	194.10	206.40	+ 0.10	
Japan Income	162.00	172.10	+ 0.30	
Latin Invest	64.29	69.56	- 0.42	
Portfolio	147.10	157.30†	+ 1.30	2.30
-do- Accum	278.70	298.30	+ 2.40	2.30
UK Growth	106.00	113.60	+ 0.80	1.60
UK Smaller Cos	100.50	109.40	+ 0.40	1.50
Select Managers	90.21	96.72	+ 0.62	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3300

Intl Gwth Port Inc	90.18	95.94†		
Special Opps Inc	61.00	64.89†		

BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD
01481 223 6020

Balanced Growth	143.54	151.69	+ 1.17	1.25
-do- Accum	166.40	175.80	+ 1.35	1.25
Smaller Cos	157.38	166.54	- 0.03	0.71
Higher Yield #	101.91	107.21†	+ 1.73	
Americas Gth Inc	101.91	107.21†	+ 1.73	
European Growth	168.13	177.91†	+ 2.34	0.02
-do- Accum	171.51	181.49	+ 2.39	0.02
Global Bond Inc #	26.80	27.75	+ 0.07	5.87
Mngd Profile Inc	53.15	56.26†	+ 0.36	1.45
-do- Accum	55.53	58.29	+ 0.38	1.45
Int Spec Opps	166.63	176.32	+ 1.52	
Pacific Gth	146.75	156.79	+ 1.45	0.31
UK General #	92.59	103.27	+ 0.71	2.95
-do- Accum #	104.41	110.49	+ 0.76	2.95
Japan	54.15	61.53†	+ 0.13	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	99.76	103.40†	+ 0.66	8.27

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 480 7216

Short Dated Gilt	66.69	67.54	+ 0.16	6.43

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5060

Emerge	193.00	203.10	- 0.30	1.72
UK Growth	213.20	224.40†	+ 1.90	1.97
UK Income	148.40	157.20	+ 1.20	4.40

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 822 100

Can Gen Dist	237.30	251.50†	+ 2.00	1.57
-do- Income Dist	127.10	134.70	+ 1.20	3.71
-do- Accum	408.00	432.50	+ 3.80	3.71
Gilt & Fxd Int	48.79	42.87†	+ 0.26	8.35
Growth Units	256.50	274.30†	+ 2.60	2.05
Bond	173.80	182.90†	+ 0.80	7.07
Intl Growth	248.90	264.70	+ 3.30	0.18
North American	268.50	277.40	+ 4.10	0.18
Far East	308.40	329.80	+ 3.60	0.67
UK Smaller Cos	229.10	248.00	- 0.60	0.95
European	88.37	93.20	+ 1.30	0.61
Japanese Growth	46.59	49.44	+ 0.08	
High Income	217.90	233.00†	+ 0.40	4.36

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455

American & Gen	222.00	230.70†	+ 2.90	
European Inc	95.69	101.38†	+ 1.15	0.62
Smaller Cos (A-I)	169.40	176.40†	+ 0.20	1.47
Growth	551.00	586.20†	+ 2.60	1.75
Income & Growth #	452.90	482.50	+ 2.20	3.85
-do- Accum #	699.80	744.50	+ 6.50	3.85
Japan & Gen	67.05	71.38	+ 0.04	
Master Portfolio	0121.37	0125.22	+ 157.00	1.88
-do- Accum	0149.35	0154.12	+ 157.00	1.88
Special Sits	128.40	136.70	+ 1.00	1.78
High Yield	015.15	015.62	+ 14.00	4.26

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0700

Cazenove Portfolio	102.67	108.57	+ 0.64	2.36
American Portfolio	124.91	132.30	+ 0.31	0.86
European Portfolio	135.51	144.19	+ 0.84	0.61
High Income	51.84	51.96†	+ 0.32	7.15
Japanese Portfolio	82.88	71.89	- 0.11	
Pacific Portfolio	157.30	169.15	+ 1.29	1.41
UK Equity	99.48	106.29	+ 0.56	3.02
UK Equity & Bd	58.19	61.84	+ 0.51	6.27

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Inv Fund	761.93	773.45		4.32
Fxd In Sec	153.23	153.85		9.25

COIF CHARITY FUNDS
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Investment Inc	761.23	772.73		4.31
Investment Acc	834.78	835.33		
Fixed Int Inc	126.77	127.29		9.11
Fixed Int Acc	225.77	226.67		

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5959

Beckman Intl	97.17	102.11		3.12
Secs Bio-Tech	43.33	46.84		
Accm Emrkt Fd	188.17	197.80		0.43
City Fin Assets	85.03	89.29	+ 0.80	1.50
City Fin Amerhts	111.92	117.53		
City Fin Intl	91.71	96.30		0.45
City Fin Japan	145.90	154.26		
Friars Hse Cap	328.77	349.76	+ 5.54	2.42
Friars Hse Inc	206.00	219.15	+ 5.06	3.44
Beckley Wrld Gth	143.81	152.44†		
J Sht Inc/Gth Inc	95.94	98.32		3.39
Solar Utilities	97.95	98.99	+ 0.12	8.17

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Emerging Markets 57.69 61.21† + 0.17

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
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American Growth	81.89	87.12	+ 1.52	
Dragon Growth	73.29	78.38	+ 1.14	0.44
Equity High Inc	99.97	96.55†	+ 0.95	4.64
Extra Income	139.27	139.27	+ 1.37	6.46
Extra Income Inc	35.51	37.98	+ 0.15	7.50
Extra Income Acc	38.74	30.25	+ 0.17	7.50
European Growth	64.03	67.94	+ 0.93	0.94
Exempt	30.26	34.50	+ 0.16	
General Equity	105.64	112.09	+ 1.24	2.89
Japan Growth	49.37	52.42	+ 0.08	
Pledgmm Gwth	65.81	69.80	+ 0.46	2.21
Pnd Sm Cos Inc	39.38	41.83	- 0.03	1.42
-do- Accum	41.86	44.42	- 0.03	1.42
Retirement Inc #	28.20	30.00	+ 0.31	5.68
Special Sits	47.69	50.73	+ 0.24	2.33
UK & Overseas	60.11	63.78	+ 0.63	0.71

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
01634 888 000

Balanced	99.30	72.81†	+ 0.67	3.94
Capital	84.58	88.10†	+ 0.77	2.22
High Income	51.22	53.35†	+ 0.28	7.15
Top 50	56.95	59.32†	+ 0.61	2.06

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)
Income Funds

Equity Inc	198.60	207.90	+ 1.47	4.45
Using Risk	43.04	44.80	+ 0.32	5.40
Monthly Inc Plus	49.18	51.23	+ 0.31	8.75
Preference Share	47.11	49.07	- 0.68	7.94
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	142.88	148.63	+ 0.98	5.74
Managed Fund	78.82	82.10	+ 0.60	2.62
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.70	55.94	+ 0.11	1.70
-do- Accum	63.45	66.11	+ 0.12	1.70
UK & General	99.49	103.64	+ 0.67	2.49
-do- Accum	129.04	134.42	+ 1.17	2.49
UK Growth	197.70	205.94	+ 1.63	1.36
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	215.60	224.58	+ 2.79	0.64
Far Eastern Gth	137.67	143.38	+ 0.98	0.02
Global Bond	82.60	86.04	+ 0.50	5.76
Japan Growth	112.47	117.16	+ 0.01	
North Amer Gth	241.83	251.91	+ 3.16	0.26
Oriental Growth	86.45	90.05	+ 1.06	
Worldwide Growth	74.71	77.82	+ 0.65	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.24	93.24	+ 0.03	5.12
Homesales Fund	92.23	96.12	+ 0.80	1.54
Qualifier Fund	157.55	167.61†	+ 1.44	1.86

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5866

Consistent Ut	35.84	38.34†		4.33

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 525 558

Growth	179.90	191.30	+ 0.40	1.79
Income	72.50	77.13†	+ 0.60	4.70
European	75.88	80.72	+ 0.66	0.61
Recovery	187.50	199.50	+ 0.70	2.07

CO-OP PERSON FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494

Equity Dist	978.60	394.00		3.39

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 680 370

Fellowship Tst	112.60	120.00	- 0.60	1.08
Income #	293.60	312.30	+ 2.20	4.05
-do- Accum #	768.50	817.50	+ 5.90	4.05
Smaller Cos	238.60	253.80	+ 0.30	0.65
-do- Accum	296.20	315.10	+ 0.80	1.28
High Inc Pref #	84.48	89.87†	+ 0.67	4.23

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
01371 470 1634

Euro Small Cos	1678.50	1741.10		
Japan Small Cos	1200.20	1224.40		0.01
UK Small Cos	2218.90	2307.60		2.87
US Small Cos	2172.00	2216.90		0.85

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 8919

Disc Inc	229.70	241.80		3.04

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	173.10	184.10	+ 1.50	1.75
UK High Inc Inc	180.80	192.30	+ 1.50	3.70
-do- Accum	244.30	259.80	+ 2.20	3.70
UK Prof & F I Inc	59.10	63.00	+ 0.42	5.99
Extrnmnt Opps	100.30	106.80	- 0.30	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	70.19	74.67	+ 0.33	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.51	51.60†	+ 0.35	6.15

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 080 525

American	178.40	188.70	+ 2.10	0.42
Convertibles #	72.87	74.30†	+ 0.10	5.76
Equity Income #	144.20	153.20†	+ 0.80	3.92
Exempt Fund	64.63	67.71	+ 0.49	0.59
Financial	55.68	59.16†	+ 0.44	1.52
Growth & Inc #	291.80	310.00†	+ 1.30	2.82
High Dist #	182.60	194.00	+ 1.00	4.97
International	444.30	472.50	+ 2.60	0.11
Int Cap Inc	106.40	113.00	+ 0.40	2.38
Latin American	33.65	35.75†	+ 0.30	
Pacific	82.84	88.02	+ 0.86	
Prof High Inc	22.15	23.53	+ 0.10	7.65
Recovery	218.10	230.80†	+ 0.30	
Uk Smaller Cos	269.60	276.90	+ 1.10	1.08
Domicile Unit Trusts:				
European Gwth	337.80	357.00	+ 4.20	1.01
New Asia	227.40	242.00		0.24
Japanese Growth	107.00	113.60		
Jap Smlr Co	443.16	470.30	+ 0.50	
Nth Amer	422.20	446.50	+ 5.40	0.86
UK Inc & Gth	254.50	272.40	+ 2.30	2.72

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
0171 242 0242

69 Dmcsr Dlg.	119.74	126.08	+ 1.18	1.15
Growth Acc.	558.07	575.58	+ 3.23	0.28
Income	600.43	645.38†	+ 5.02	6.08

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 373 7291

Endurance Fd	227.60	242.10		1.03

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
01296 431 480

European	92.26	97.12	+ 0.37	1.95
Exempt Ttl	48.69	51.46	+ 0.26	0.66
Far Eastern	306.60	322.17	+ 1.52	1.67
High Income	141.91	149.38	+ 0.49	4.87
UK Index Tracking	51.40	54.10†	+ 0.15	3.22
Intl Growth	146.54	154.25	- 0.23	0.38
North American	148.58	156.39†	+ 0.07	1.69
Pension	144.40	152.00	+ 0.27	1.14
Smaller Cos	73.35	77.21	+ 0.01	2.78
Special Sits	93.05	97.95†	+ 0.18	2.47
Tst of Inv Tsts	218.26	229.75†	+ 1.26	1.29

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 487 5995

Smaller Cos Inc	240.89	256.27	+ 0.46	1.45
Smaller Cos Acc	429.26	456.69	+ 0.81	1.45
Recovery	59.76	63.57	+ 0.12	1.57
Recovery Acc	61.75	65.69	+ 0.14	1.57

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
01392 412 144

Capital Growth	88.87	95.30	+ 0.68	
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.81	56.12	+ 0.34	0.52
High Income #	38.58	41.35	+ 0.06	11.12
Warrant	48.63	52.21†	+ 0.31	
Zero Preference	44.25	46.96	+ 0.17	

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
01273 220 707

Family Asset Tst	93.65	99.57	+0.810	2.57
United Charities	313.00	332.90	+0.700	2.57

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161

Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	29.10	30.19	+ 0.19	5.16
Strategic Inc	26.84	28.06†	+ 0.07	5.79
Income Funds				
High Income	26.61	27.92†	+ 0.17	5.53
Income Plus	131.10	139.40†	+ 1.00	3.94
UK Emerg Cos	312.10	331.80	+ 0.50	3.43
UK Smlr Cos	415.40	422.70	- 1.20	2.55
Glob Priv Tst	118.78	126.29	+ 1.31	1.67
-do- Accum	121.33	129.01	+ 1.34	1.67
Inc Share Tst	86.81	92.30†	+ 0.26	9.41

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 614 2700

Balanced #	149.90	152.50†		1.57
Inc Prefer #	97.09	98.75†	+ 0.62	2.86
Cap Prefer	166.70	168.70	+ 1.40	0.65
General Opps	143.20	144.80		0.68
Growth Inc	37.68	38.49	+ 0.28	0.95
Private Portfolio	484.90	493.30†		0.86

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Dlg 01577 860 386 Askville/Val 01277 660 350

Euro Smlr Cos	153.10	162.80†	+ 1.40	0.36
Energy Assn	144.50	156.20	+ 0.80	
High Income	71.48	72.79†	+ 0.14	9.87
Uk Income	113.60	120.30	+ 1.20	4.01
US Smaller Cos	432.00	460.30	+ 2.00	

For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
Enq 0171 338 0500 Dealing 0345 775511

American Growth	78.92	84.11		
-do- Accum	78.92	84.11		
Amer Smlr Cos	692.60	740.70†		
-do- Accum	707.60	756.80†		
Capital Fd	400.10	425.60		1.50
-do- Accum	584.50	621.80		1.50
Cmnl Smlr Cos	91.63	93.95		0.97
-do- Accum	95.57	98.84		0.97
Convertible	143.40	152.50		5.69
-do- Accum	310.50	330.30		5.69
Emerging Markets	67.59	72.21		0.30
-do- Accum	67.62	72.46		0.30
European	151.10	160.20		0.90
-do- Accum	160.10	169.70		0.90
Extra Income	367.50	412.20†		4.45
-do- Accum	616.90	656.30†		4.45
Financial	172.40	183.60		0.46
-do- Accum	183.10	194.80		0.46
Gilt Trust	64.80	68.92		6.79
-do- Accum	98.15	101.70		6.79
Health Fund Inc	36.32	37.77	+ 0.13	6.70
High Income #	112.38	117.88	+ 1.06	5.13
Income & Growth	231.80	246.60		3.61
-do- Accum	367.20	390.60		3.61
Intl Growth	436.30	467.70		
-do- Accum	467.80	519.40		
Japan & Gen	169.20	180.00		
-do- Accum	170.90	181.80		
Monthly Inc #	196.70	209.30†		4.58
Managed Port Inc	122.60	129.60		1.38
-do- Accum	133.60	140.80		1.39
Quarterly Income #	57.05	61.73†		4.91
-do- Accum #	65.55	70.24†		4.91
Recovery	358.90	383.90†		
-do- Accum	433.70	463.20†		
Uk Growth	66.63	70.88		2.76
-do- Accum	72.26	76.87		2.76

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Dealing 01722 719035 Enq 01722 719034

FP American	82.05	88.15	+ 0.66	0.31
FP Am Smlr Cos	213.30	227.50	+ 0.90	
FP Asian Growth	289.80	309.50	+ 3.20	
FP Australian	429.40	448.40	+ 0.20	
FP Equity Inc	482.10	503.50	+ 3.50	2.44
FP Extra Inc	110.21	119.89	+ 0.00	2.44
FP Euro Gth	288.20	307.40	+ 3.80	
-do- Accm	315.30	336.30	+ 4.10	
FP Intl Bond	59.80	63.66



■ OPERA 1

A fine new staging of *Don Giovanni* for Welsh National Opera is jeopardised by untidy conducting



■ OPERA 2

. . . while at Covent Garden Amanda Roocroft takes a little time to make her mark as Mimì

THE TIMES ARTS



■ POP

In Dublin for the *In the City* festival Billy Bragg showed his lyric gifts to be undimmed



■ TOMORROW

Can Radio 3, 50 years old this month, learn the lessons of its own history?

OPERA: The conductor rules over *Don Giovanni*; plus a lively start to a *Bohème* season

Shouting down a desperate Don

In recent years reactions to opera productions have all too often been along the lines of "wonderful music, pity about the staging". Over the last week that trend has certainly been bucked: first the sentimental, fuzzy-edged conducting of Jonathan Miller's *Traviata* at the Coliseum, and now Carlo Rizzi's frankly impossible reading of *Don Giovanni* for the opening of the Welsh National Opera's new season in Cardiff. It is good to be reminded that conductors are ultimately and decisively in charge of any opera performance (however bizarre a director's fantasies), but sad to be reminded so negatively.

Rizzi's *Giovanni* was hard, brash, driven, untidy, woodenly phrased, ungraced and undecorated. Brisk Mozart may be the order of the day, but "authentic" tempos with a modern band are very dangerous, and the orchestra could often hardly get the notes out, let alone make any musical sense of them. His *presto impossibile* for the first-act finale resulted in complete incoherence, and poor Ottavio's *Il mio tesoro* was in danger of simply falling apart. The soloists, constantly pushed along, resorted for the most part to singing very loudly indeed, even in the recitatives: this was a shouted *Giovanni*, devoid of nuance and musical interest.

Don Giovanni
New Theatre, Cardiff

A great pity, because Katie Mitchell's production — her first opera in the wake of much stunning work at the RSC and National — was extremely interesting. As designed by Rae Smith, the action seemed to be set in one of the less salubrious quarters of Naples. The period was postwar Neo-Realism. There was a lot of God about: Fra Angelico's Orvieto *Christ in Majesty* figured prominently; two Piero Della Francesca Madonnas came and went; hooded monks with blazing torches dispatched Giovanni to hell.

There were a lot of suitcases — everyone in transit. There was violence — shotguns a-plenty, Zerlina got a nasty black eye in the course of near-rape, and Masetto sported livid lacerations after his beating-up. Giovanni may have presided over his nightmarish party in drag, but he was also shown emerging dishevelled from a brothel. These were details in a production that maintained strong narrative line — the first essential, many would say — and looked very handsome in Paule Constable's darksome lighting. Mitchell's vision was absorbing, provocative and adult, and I look forward to experiencing it again, preferably with a more sympathetic conductor in charge.

Restricted by the straitjacket of Rizzi's four-square direction, the singers were hardly able to give of their best. Catrin Wyn Davies at least managed a phrase or two in her winsome portrayal of Zerlina, and I greatly admired Cara O'Sullivan's spirited, accurate Donna Anna — if only she had been given a little musical room. Alwyn Mellor, pushed dangerously towards shrillness, could sing Elvira much more expressively.

The protagonist, Davide Damiani, was oddly anonymous, only really coming to life when impersonating Leporello, which is a little late in the evening. Arwel Huw Morgan's sparky Leporello, got up as Lenin, found little relish in his bad behaviour. I wish the stage-door keeper had reminded Gwyn Hughes Jones that it was Mozart on Saturday, not *Forza del destino*: I have never heard so loud an Ottavio. Well, at least he wasn't a wimp.

RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOPER



Catrin Wyn Davies (Zerlina) and Davide Damiani (Don Giovanni) in Cardiff

All change in Bohemia

FOR the start of the new season, the last under Jeremy Isaacs's leadership and the last in the present house, Covent Garden has gone bohemian. Over the next month a quantity of different Rodolfos and Mimìs, together with their friends, take the stage in *Bohème*, culminating in October with the arrival of the lovers of the moment, Roberto Alagna and Angela Gheorghiu.

The opening night brought a number of Royal Opera debuts and the first Mimì of Amanda Roocroft. She did not begin at all brightly and *Mi chiamano Mimì* was oddly anonymous. It could have been any soprano telling of Mimì's attic life and the voice seemed to have put on too much weight for Puccini's frail seamstress. But parts of *Bohème* are thickly scored and Roocroft made her new substantiality tell in Act III, especially in the exchanges with Marcello. By the final act she was in command of the part, colouring her memories of times past and love that slipped away as death approaches.

She is likely to go further under Mimì's skin when her Rodolfo, Luis Lima, is in better voice. No announcement was made, but Lima, who knows this role backwards, sounded out of vocal sorts. In a young cast Lima, despite his enduringly agreeable personality and readiness to scamper about the stage, was a bohemian uncle rather than one of the lads.

DONALD COOPER



Amanda Roocroft, getting into her stride as Mimì

La Bohème
Covent Garden

The Colline and Schaunard were both making their first Garden appearance. Ildebrando D'Arcangelo has a bass almost as opulent as his name and put it to excellent use in the coat aria. Paul Whelan as the musician, Schaunard, does not lack volume either but uses it too relentlessly. The third debutante, Elizabeth Futral, made the strongest impression, notably in her Act II Waltz Song while Roocroft was still finding her way. She fitted in snugly alongside William Shimell's shaggily sympathetic Marcello. At the Café Momus together they came close to pushing the rest of the cast off stage. But that could change.

John Copley was back to supervise his original production, fast approaching its quarter-century. It is now a good deal livelier and better lit than last season, although life in Act I is still murky even by the standards of those short of a few candles.

Sir Charles Mackerras had to withdraw from conducting to allow time for recovery from a shoulder operation. Christian Badea took his place, yet another debut. Once over a tough first act he showed himself a true Puccinian and, with Roocroft growing in confidence, started to wring the emotions. The prospect of a totally different team also taking the boards this week is likely to be a sharp competitive spur all round.

JOHN HIGGINS

Agit-pop icon turns fatherly

THIS year's *In The City* music biz extravaganza in Dublin drew to a close with a hectic itinerary that included the welcome return of Billy Bragg in a stuffed Mean Fiddler, and the following night a prestige headlining gig in the plush Olympia by local heroes Whipping Boy.

Bragg has only recently emerged from a prolonged hibernation from the music industry, forced upon him, he tells us, by appendicitis and the birth of his son.

It is clear, both from his extended monologues on the subject between songs and from the new songs themselves (such as *Brickbat*), that fatherhood had a profound effect on his world view, causing the agit-pop icon to redefine his relationship with socialism on more personal, less ideological terms — what he calls on his single *Upfield* "a socialism of the heart".

POP

Billy Bragg
Mean Fiddler
Whipping Boy
Olympia Theatre, Dublin

Armed only with a guitar, classic songs and a winning sense of humour, Bragg effortlessly juggles his tripartite role as folk singer, pop star and stand-up comedian. There was a warmth engendered in the audience.

Unlike Whipping Boy, who tried to break the door down rather than use the key. Their intense, fractured melodramas — one part grubby realism, one part unashamed romanticism — do hide a serrated beauty, and when they hit their stride (as they did on *Tripped* and the glorious *Twinkle*) it is easy to see why they have so many fans.

But despite the addition of a string section on some songs, they went through some very lacklustre patches. The workman-like band desperately needed inspiration from their leader, but Ferghal McKee's flat vocals and Bono-esque poncing around was no help.

That said, the new songs sounded on first hearing to be as good as anything on the acclaimed *Heartworm* LP.

NICK KELLY

MUSIC: Innovation at the Vale of Glamorgan Festival; plus the Hallé revisited in its controversial new home

Fresh in from the Baltic

As Cardiff Bay's dreary and aspiring wasteland continues its long wait for rebirth, its Victorian Baltic House caught an echo from far back in a former incarnation. Across the road, the Coal Exchange was reverberating with the very latest in Baltic music: the Vale of Glamorgan Festival of Living Composers has this year turned to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, heralding London's Baltic Arts Festival next month.

With the six pianists of Piano Circus hammering away all evening on six amplified keyboards, could anyone really have told that this was music from the Baltic states? One characteristic of almost every composer I have heard has been a resolution to reject any processes which are merely cerebral or merely nostalgic, while eagerly assimilating into their own language a wide cross-fertilisation of ideas now filtering into their brave new world.

The Estonian composer Erkki-Sven Tüür is both *enfant terrible* and deeply serious, self-aware craftsman. The iconoclastic energy of his rock band days still charges an ear which can be seduced as much by the choral writing of the country's great mentor Arvo Pärt as by the astringency of American minimalism. Those familiar with Tüür's new album, *Crystallisatio*, will have recognised the fascination with the radiation of energy from a single note, and the tension created by the collision of polarised rhythms and pitches in his new *Transmission*, a festival commission. One high note, pulsating on a single keyboard, blurs into two, clusters into three, four — until a vast cross-etching of complex rhythmic resonance is built up. It then descends in pitch, a waterfall of register and motion, before a brisk rhythm retunes the ear to 12-tone language.

Tüür's contemporary, Rein Rannap, received two performances of his new *Merging Lanes*, a rhapsodic fusion of minimalism and virtuoso quasi-improvisatory writing.

The following evening, in a concert of music for string orchestra and choir in All Saints Church, Barry, Tüür's *1993 Action: Passion: Illusion* received its UK premiere. Originally written for conductor Tonu Kaljuste and his Tallinn orchestra, its three meticulously composed movements, as intensely rhythmic and as vigorous in their artifice as a Baroque suite, were conducted by him and played, a little uneasily, by Sinfonia 21. This London band clearly also had inadequate rehearsal time for the Latvian composer Peteris Vasks's Symphony for Strings, *Stimmen*. Yet its three continuous movements revealed the technical virtuosity and emotional integrity of this distinctive Baltic voice.

From Lithuania came Bronius Kutavicius and the UK premiere of *The Western Gates* for choir, orchestra and organ. This Stabat Mater setting is the last part of a cycle, *The Gates of Jerusalem*, and forms its apotheosis: a hymn with fragments of Lithuanian folksong lamentation intruding over quiet solo plainsong.

HILARY FINCH

Manchester's unraisable roof

Gerald Larner gives the Bridgewater Hall a second chance

Manchester doesn't need Les Invalides. So while Berlioz's **Grande Messe des Morts** sounded a little out of place in the Bridgewater Hall on Sunday — magnificent performance though it was — we could take comfort in the thought that the right place for that uniquely inspired score would be the wrong place for just about anything else.

There is probably no other major work as precisely tailored to the dimensions and traditions of one particular building. Anything which would be lost in a vastly reverberant space, such as melody shaped for its own sake, is left out.

There are melodic lines, obviously, but they are inflected for the setting — twisting round the walls, curving under the ceiling — just as so many of the harmonies are designed for their hostile intent or, at the other extreme, for their celestial propensity to hang in space.

The Bridgewater Hall, whatever assessment is made of it in the end, is too good to respond with total sympathy to Berlioz's atmospheric devices. Some of the major dramatic sensations, like the extraordinary opening of the *Lacrymosa*, could not be fully registered. It scarcely mattered: half the desired impact will do in most cases. It is more disturbing that the great *Tuba mirum*, with its eight timpanists and its brass bands, had less than its authentically sensational effect: a roof which cannot be raised by a sound like that is surely a roof too high.

While the BBC Philharmonic and the choral voices could scarcely have played or sung any louder, they could certainly have extended the dynamic range at the other end of the scale. Otherwise, it was a most remarkable achievement on the part of Yan Pascal Tortelier, who controlled and inspired his assembled choral forces with masterful effect.

Although serious problems remain with the Bridgewater Hall, there does seem to be a solution. After moving to different parts of the auditorium and making inquiries at the second of the **Hallé Orchestra**'s concerts, on Thursday, I would suggest that the nearer you are to the platform the better the sound.

Much of the stalls area is fine, as are most seats one tier up in what is described as the choir circle. In the circle itself, on the other hand, while people feel that they are in close visual contact with the orchestra, they miss the equivalent aural intimacy or immediacy. As for the gallery, three tiers up, one would logically assume that the situation is worse. But in the stalls at least, the Hallé's *Rite of Spring* made an impressive impact.

It was possible to move about the Bridgewater Hall on this occasion, incidentally, because many seats were unsold. It is right that Kent Nagano should be looking for exciting new repertoire, but to offer new works by John Adams and Thomas Adès was asking for an embarrassing situation.

Adams's *Slonimsky's Earbox* is a characteristic high-energy orchestral showpiece which finds its exhilaration in going that bit too far in every direction. Adès's *These Premises are Alarmed* tests the acoustic parameters and the virtuoso extremes imaginatively but all too briefly.

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House party: Rachel Whiteread reveals her extraordinary visions at the Tate in Liverpool



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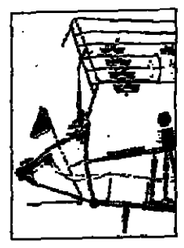
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■ VISUAL ART 3

Judith Frost uses rock and earth from the desert landscape of Spain to make her drawings



■ VISUAL ART 4

... while the American artist Chris Burden documents events in his own life at London Projects

Richard Cork on Rachel Whiteread's superb Tate exhibition; plus Chinese treasures and other shows

The sculptures that broke the mould

The demolition of Rachel Whiteread's *House*, early in 1994, was a shocking and disgraceful blunder. It robbed us of an outstanding public sculpture, a potent memorial rooted in the East End of London and yet able to impinge on all our lives.

But at least the memory of *House* can never be obliterated. It haunts Whiteread's beautiful and immensely rewarding exhibition at the Tate Gallery Liverpool, the first substantial retrospective survey she has been given in Britain. Photographs of the lost sculpture are included here, along with a video charting the work's evolution and destruction.

The sadness and anger provoked by these images are countered, in the same room, by a model for Whiteread's forthcoming Holocaust Memorial in Vienna. Commissioned as a monumental sculpture for the Judenplatz, this pale, restrained yet awesome presence evokes the interior of a great library. While the cast books lining the monument's walls offer a reassuring link with the past, they also seem tragically exposed and glacial. I only hope that the current Viennese political infighting does not prevent Whiteread's gravely contemplative work from reaching fruition. The Holocaust Memorial promises to be as haunting as *House*, simultaneously celebrating endurance and commemorating loss.

The wonder is that Whiteread can generate such complex responses by following so simple and direct a working procedure. With admirable clarity of purpose, she has pursued a singleminded course ever since leaving the Slade School of Art in 1987. The following year, at the age of 25, she made *Closet*, the earliest sculpture on view. Taking an ordinary wooden wardrobe, she emptied the inside, laid it on its back, drilled several holes in the doors and then filled it to overflowing with plaster. Finally, the shell of the wardrobe was jettisoned, leaving a bleached cast of the interior in its place.

Rather than leaving it naked, she covered the plaster replica with black felt. While this Beuys-like material gives the sculpture a protective layer, its colour is funereal and claustrophobic. It seems to conjure childhood memories of hiding in a wardrobe, and finding that excitement can easily turn to fear once the door has been shut.

The paradox inherent in the whole idea of casting an empty space, of making the hidden visible, must have fascinated Whiteread. She was probably aware that, way back in 1965, Bruce Nauman had made a plaster cast of the space under his chair. But Nauman only repeated the experiment twice; whereas Whiteread decided to explore the possibilities opened up by *Closet* in all her subsequent work.

In 1990, her *annus mirabilis*, she cast the space around a square sink, transforming the banality of her starting-point into a mysterious, slab-like presence, unknowable and immemorial. The plaster is left bare this time. Whiteread makes no attempt to hide its rawness, just as she leaves the divisions between the sections frankly exposed.

When she turned her attention to a bath in the same year, though, the outcome was more ominous. Deprived of its taps, plug and shiny metal interior, the bath-shaped cavity resting within the plaster blocks takes on a melancholy air. It resembles a sarcophagus unearthed in some primordial tomb. Satisfying in its chaste simplicity, *Untitled (Bath)* is at the same time freighted with grief. Dark streaks run down from the tap holes, giving them an uncanny resemblance to weeping eyes.

Whiteread has the ability to invest even the most mundane, overlooked aspects of existence with unexpected dignity and fascination. Nothing could be more banal than the objects she chooses as her raw material. But by the time she has cast the space under a bed in rubber, and half-propped this burnished amber oblong against a wall, the nondescript is transformed, like the submerged coral-boned skeleton in *The Tempest*, into "something rich and strange".

The casual way in which the bed-cast is displayed, gently curved and leaning, shows how informal Whiteread can sometimes be. In another mood, though, she prefers absolute severity. Nothing could be more resolute than the seven elements comprising *Untitled (Floor)*, a remarkably tough sculpture in a room on its own.

At first, these dark and powerful oblongs look almost charred, as if they have survived an ordeal by conflagration. Their uneven resin surfaces seem churned, like the wind-whipped and equally grimy waters of the Mersey visible through a nearby window. But then, quite suddenly, a bar of sunlight appears, striking through the glass and across one corner of the sculpture. Whiteread's brooding resin is set ablaze. Its former solidity is ousted, as the sun reveals the oblongs' transparency. While glowing like ingots, they disclose the fact that their maker has created them from airy nothing — the gaps between the floorboards' underlying supports.

In her most recent work, Whiteread moves away from her former reliance on found objects. She starts making her own forms, specifically for casting, and also indulges a passion for colour which her earlier work had suppressed. The austerity of white plaster gives way to polychromatic splendour, above all in a triumphant multipart installation called *Untitled (One Hundred Spaces)*. Ranged across the widest single section of the show, these compact resin units unfold in a muted yet marvellously sensuous array of colours. Although hard enough to touch and defined with clear-cut lucidity, they seem as edible as jellies.

They also look more mysterious than most of Whiteread's work, refusing to yield up their origins as quickly as her early sculpture. Derived from the spaces underneath stools, chairs and tables, they transcend their origins and assume the four-square magnificence of temples.

All the same, the more disquieting reverberations of Whiteread's art refuse to go away. The objects gathered together in *Untitled (One Hundred Spaces)* also resemble caskets fit for cremated ashes, and we can walk up and down their ordered rows like visitors to a military graveyard. The memorialising side of her imagination is as insistent as ever, suggesting that she remains steadfastly attached to the idea of giving permanent, ennobling form to the most unexceptional aspects of domestic life.

Like the empty seats encircling *The Table of Silence*, Brancusi's great memorial to the First World War in Romania, the pieces congregated in *Untitled (One Hundred Spaces)* show no sign of human occupation. Somehow, though, the human presence is implicit in everything Whiteread produces. The title of a moving new work, *Untitled (Double Rubber Plinth)*, does nothing to inform us that it derives from the space beneath a mortuary slab. But, far from wallowing in morbidity, these luminous forms calmly acknowledge the prospect of death. Accepting that mortal loss is inescapable, they nevertheless confront its certainty with warmth, serenity and redemptive stillness.

● *Rachel Whiteread at the Tate Gallery Liverpool, Albert Dock (0151-709 3223) until Jan 5*

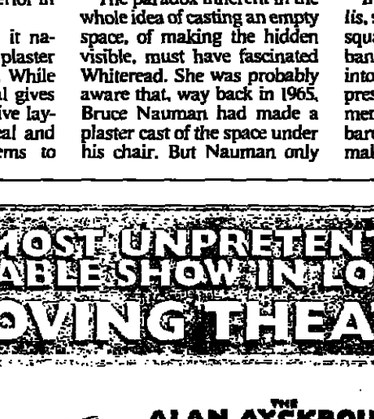


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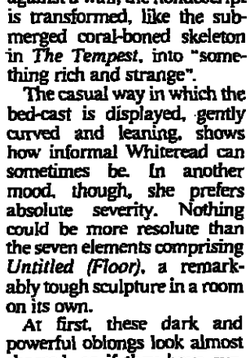
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MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT CHINA

Richard Cork continues his daily series on the British Museum's magnificent* Mysteries of Ancient China *show

MONEY TREE



ONE of the few complete examples of the so-called "money shaking trees", made between AD25 and AD220 with coins placed in their branches. Superbly crafted in bronze and ceramic, the tree rises from its heavy base and sprouts intricate, perforated branches. Their leaves are fashioned into tiny images of mythical animals, coins and human or divine figures. They were regarded in the Han period as symbols of eternal wealth, ensuring that the inhabitant of the tomb would always retain the riches accrued during life on earth.

This splendid example was discovered in 1972, still resting in a rock tomb robbed of all its other objects. The clay pedestal was probably meant to represent a mountain. On all ten of the branches the Queen Mother of the West, Xi Wang Mu, appears as the principal deity. In the Han dynasty, she was held to possess the tail of a leopard and teeth of a tiger. But this formidable figure is surrounded, at the top of the tree, by a peacock-like bird with a curved neck and elongated tail. It resembles a weather vane, waiting to register which way the money is blowing.

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TOMORROW: A group of painted wooden figures

Still room for a thin line

AROUND THE GALLERIES

THE style has changed. Instead of the dazzling retinal play of earlier work, **Ian Davenport**'s new paintings almost seem static. Each is a large flat area of household paint colour; against this a thin line arches up, nearly touches the sides, and tucks in slightly at the bottom. The image has become simple. In the larger of the two galleries the individual paintings look crowded, the display a bit too formulaic.

Along the street in the smaller Waddington's space Davenport substitutes the drawn, dripped coloured line. Concurrently, at Ridinghouse Editions, a number of black paintings make an equally good show where the play between shiny paint, opaque paint, detail and generality continues.

Waddington Galleries, 12/13 Cork St, London W1 (0171-437 8611) until Oct 12
Ridinghouse Editions, 63 Riding House St, London W1 (0171-255 1160) until Oct 19

☐ LONDON Projects finds itself playing the role of historical museum and art gallery. Photographs of performances and sculpture initiated by the American artist **Chris Burden** while a young artist in the 1970s are displayed as if recently lifted from a file: Burden with his hair cut off; Burden having been shot in the left arm by a friend; and so on. They are displayed with a black border and holes for filing.

Two recently completed sculptures break this documentary flow and bring the survey up to date. Despite his great notoriety and some extraordinary proposals for projects, this artist has seldom had the opportunity to exhibit in this country. The danger is that such a show might reinforce the cult-figure myth and not support any new initiative.

London Projects, 47 Frith St, London W1 (0171-734 1723) until Oct 5

☐ A SERIES of works on paper by **Judith Frost** conveys the sense of an artist who works close up to, and even on top of, the image. The drawings are influenced by time spent in the desert landscape of southern Spain, although they carry no obvious vision of landscape. Frost uses actual earth and mineral rock to draw, physically feeling her way across the paper. Despite little easy reference or description, the subject is clear to grasp, and the eye is drawn far into the work. The architecture firm Shillam and Smith has initiated this simple exhibition space above its office and the working atmosphere particularly suits this series of drawings.

Shillam and Smith 3, 122 Great Titchfield St, London W1 (0171-637 0057) until Oct 11

☐ THE show **Fritz and Betty** takes place in three empty shops along Exmouth Market, and makes a number of light but worthwhile comparisons between the work of six artists. Clare Woods paints in the now-familiar style of the comic drawing. It is a simple idea: the first group of paintings shows a number of close-up consenting kisses between a man and a woman while the next set shows a woman's face forced, twisted and bullied to the point of tears in a vice-like embrace.

Stuart Cumberland, who co-curated the show, shows sculptures where material of incredible familiarity is slightly transformed in order to conjure an effective image. For instance, a cardboard box is painted blue inside to make *Swimming Pool*, while a folding chair and a polystyrene cup make *Splash at Sea*. All the artists, more or less effectively, manage some level of lift-off and transformation.

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THEATRE

Worn down by Goethe: the RSC's staging of *Faust* fails to hold the attention



DANCE

The touring Scottish Ballet has mixed fortunes with a triple-bill called *Sweat, Baroque and Roll*

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CHOICE 1

Sir Colin Davis opens the LSO season with a world premiere

VENUE: Tonight at the Barbican Hall



CHOICE 2

... while Sir Peter Hall's *Oedipus* staging comes to London

VENUE: Opens tonight at the Olivier Theatre

Too many damned scenes

DONALD COOPER



Good, bad and ugly: Jeffery Dench (God) meets Hugh Quarshie (Mephisto, right)

THEATRE

Faust
Barbican Pit

This is the Goethe version of *Faust*, mighty in scale, ranging to the extremes of language, *sublime and coarse, at times even funny* — Mussorgsky's *Song of the Flea* started here — and a punishing ordeal to sit through.

Michael Bogdanov directs, Howard Brenton provides an English version in lines of varied length, usually rhyming, but bringing no excitement at the rhyme. The occasional phrase sings in the ear for a passing moment but dry rhetoric is soon restored.

The first part lasts for about three hours, and the second continues for another three, and as each part is divided by an interval there are several occasions when members of the audience can discontinue the fatiguing experience simply by not resuming their seats.

The second quarter is the easiest to endure since it contains the story of sweet-hearted Gretchen, subtly and movingly played by Sophie Heyman. Kate Duchêne (playing her friend Martha) is also always worth watching. Unfortunately Gretchen's brother Valentine comes with the package and before he dies finds time to curse and expose her, establishing himself as the nastiest character in all dramatic literature from Aeschylus to Ayckbourn.

If nothing else, the role of Faust is an exhausting test of memory for the actor. It is a little more than this, though in Bogdanov's production not a great deal, because what Faust does, and the nature of his desires and arguments, so seldom engages the interest. Michael Feast is good as the grouchy old man at the beginning, and impressive — hours later — when he has aged again and is careworn but still roaring defiance. With Gretchen he is an attentive and wondering lover. But for the rest, the long disputes on discontent, and his trips to kitchens, laboratories and whip-wielding witches on mountain tops is just One Damned Scene After Another.

"Do we really have to go to Ancient Greece?" asks Mephisto. I'd have said no but they depart there nonetheless. In among all these outings are reflections on sensation, renunciation and such heavy topics. But they don't register, and often the actions and arguments are so deviously cerebral that the function of certain scenes becomes impossible to grasp.

Since last year's Stratford premiere the RSC production appears to have shed some of the prancing nudity. Mephisto still pants lustfully after the cherubs in the final scene, but this is in the original Goethe: it is what distracts him when he has Faust in his clutches. Hugh Quarshie is a supremely elegant devil, genial and sparkling (though sometimes the smile ominously freezes). The tilting mirror at the back of Chris Dyer's set gives intriguing views of the actors from their other side, but Bogdanov's jokey redemption scene is a baffling variation on the original. Gretchen's love, God's wager, Faust's behaviour, may all present difficulties today, but if the production does not take them seriously what is the point of the enterprise?

JEREMY KINGSTON



Rupert Jowett and Lorna Scott in *Four Seasons*

Limp classics redeemed by hunks

DANCE

Scottish Ballet
Theatre Royal, Norwich

SCOTTISH Ballet's new triple bill, pithily titled *Sweat, Baroque and Roll*, shows Galina Samsova to be a director with a fairly imaginative commissioning policy. Take Mark Baldwin, who is fast becoming one of the finest dancemakers in the country, and Robert Cohan, whose decades at the head of British contemporary dance give him unparalleled experience. Put them together on the same bill and the possibilities for exciting innovation are in place. Add to that a revival of Robert North's perennial winner *Troy Game* and everybody should be happy.

But not everything worked out as planned, at least on the evidence of Scottish Ballet's matinee performance in Norwich on Saturday. Baldwin delivered quite a lively opening number called *Haydn Pieces* (set to Haydn piano sonatas) that should have bounced along nicely, given the right dancers. The choreography (his first for a classical company) is pert and playful, with a gamine quality that could be most appealing. But the men and women of Scottish Ballet looked curiously untested on stage, as if not quite sure how to handle the flirtatiousness of Baldwin's larky scenario. Although *Haydn Pieces* is filled with a youthful innocence, it does require maturity from its interpreters.

Cohan's *Four Seasons* is an ambitious attempt to deal with Vivaldi's long score in dance terms, all the more ambitious since Cohan is relatively new to the language of classical ballet. The four segments are each introduced by a pair of heralds, accompanied by various sound effects putting us in the appropriate mood (insects for summer, thunderstorms for autumn).

Norberto Chiesa's designs are colour-coded — bright green announces spring, warm red summer — and they make it clear what qualities Cohan is going for in each segment. The optimism of spring is evinced in bright cartwheels; summer is strong and athletic; winter is more thoughtfully abstract (which is perhaps why it is also the best of the quartet).

Cohan uses the classical vocabulary imaginatively at times, particularly for the group, but at others seems confused about how to get from one position to another, making his dancers look awkward in the process. Of the four leading couples, Winter's Robert Hampton and Linda Packer stood out.

As befits a programme-closer, *Troy Game*, the ancient warriors' body-building workout, gave the audience something to cheer. Hunky bodies dripping sweat, fists clenched in macho bravura, and the flexing of well-endowed biceps: this is what *Troy Game* is all about and the men of Scottish Ballet gave it their best.

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LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: This evening's hot ticket is for the opening concert of the LSO's autumn season. The orchestra's principal conductor, Sir Colin Davis, directs Sibelius's mystical *En Saga*, followed by a new concerto written for the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich by Colin Matthews. The evening ends with the powerful rhythms and harmonies of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 7.30pm

THE OEDIPUS PLAYS *Alan Howard in the title role of Oedipus the King and Oedipus at Colonus. Peter Hall directs a translation by Ranjit Bolt* **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Opens tonight 7pm Then until Sept 28, 7pm (except Sundays) Then in rep

OTHELLO Forty years young this year, the National Youth Theatre mounts a strikingly visual production of *Shakespeare's monumental study of* dark passions and violent revenge. Edward Wilson directs a cast of 24. **Bloomsbury**, Gordon Street, WC1 (0171-388 8822) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Fri, 2.30pm

UNCLE VANYA: Bill Bryden's starry Chichester cast: Frances Barber, Constance Cummings, Trevor Eve, Derek Jacobi, Peggy Mount, Imogen Stubbs, with Richard Johnson in place of *Alec McCowen*.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Moxey

Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm. Until November 16

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW *Two icons of the keyboard,* **Marc-André Hamelin** and **Piers Lane**, give a piano recital, which will be broadcast live on Radio 3. Hamelin begins with Dukas's Sonata in E flat, and joins Lane for Brahms's Sonata in F minor (arrangement for two pianos of Piano Quintet, Op 34). **Stevenson Hall**, Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Renfrew Street (0141-332 5057) Tonight, 7.30pm

LEATHERHEAD *Prior to the West End,* Jason Donovan co-stars with Rosemary Leach in Emlyn Williams's classic thriller **Night Must Fall**. Directed by John Tydeman. **Thorndike**, Church Street (01372 376211). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, and Sat, 4pm. Until October 5

MOLD ***Silas Marner***, George Eliot's absorbing novel of injustice, miserliness and redemption, directed by Tim Baker and performed by a cast of actor-musicians with a score by Peter Knight. **Theatr Clwyd** (01352 755114) Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat (Sept 28, Oct 5), 2.45pm. *Until October 5*

SPALDING: Tim Supple's outstanding production of **The Comedy of Errors** from Stratford, more serious and thus more moving than usual, begins its six-month winter tour here. Dates in Dawlish and Jersey follow. **Castle Sports Complex**, Albion Street (01775 725031) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Fri, 1.30pm. Until September 21

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **BY JEEVES:** Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, W1 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ◪

☐ **DIAL "M" FOR MURDER** Wife-killing thriller, written when phone numbers still included letters — and its old-age is self-evident. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

■ **FAUST Part 1:** Michael Bogdanov's mighty two-part production of Goethe's drama, with *Michael Feast in the lead* and Hugh Quarshie as Mephistopheles. **The Pit, Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight and Thurs, 7.15pm; tomorrow, Fri and Sat, 2.30pm. In rep. *Until October 5*

☐ **THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT:** Paloma Baeza, Paul Jesson and Con O'Neill in Julian Garner's fascinating play concerned with anti-Semitism and survival in Poland, 1938 to 1946.

Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 3.30pm

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☐ **JUDITH**: Intense and passionate reworking of the biblical murder story, written and directed by Howard Barker for the Wrestling School company. **BAC**, 176 Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223) Tue-Sat, 8pm. Sun, 6pm. *Until September 22.*

☐ **MARTIN GUERRE** The latest Boublil/Schonberg musical brings banal lyrics to a contusingly told tale. **Prince Edward**, Old Compton St, W1 (0171-447 5400) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE ODD COUPLE**: Neil Simon's play wears well, but Jack Klugman and Tony Randall really are getting on a bit these days.

Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.15pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

☐ **ROMANCE, ROMANCE** British premiere of the 1988 Broadway musical, by Keith Herrmann and Barry Harman, presenting two views of romance: Schnitzler's in turn-of-the-century Vienna and a modern contrast. Stephen Dexter directs. **Bridewell**, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, EC4 (0171-936 3456) Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm, Sun, 4.30pm

■ **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?**: Diana Rigg and David Suchet in Howard Davies's staging of Albee's most famous play. With Clare Holman and Lloyd Owen. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Now previewing, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm. Opens Sept 25, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm

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NEW RELEASES

L'AMORE MOLESTO (15): A woman grapples with her mother's bizarre death. Compelling and stylish psychological drama from director Mario Martone. **MGM Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470)

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◆ **FLIPPER** (PG): A surly teenager relaxes with a dolphin. Unimaginative family film, with Elijah Wood.

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

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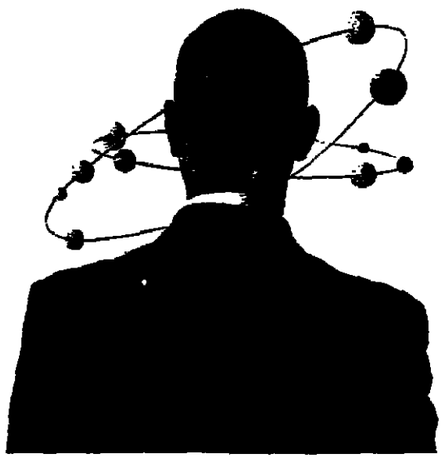
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In terror of the accused

Frances Gibb on why victims' rights are still not respected by the courts


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Dennis Chambers, defending himself, was allowed to leave the dock and sit closer to his alleged victim

Last week a woman who was left "scared, worried and sick" by a man she accuses of stalking her for four years had to confront her alleged tormentor in court when he cross-examined her for 33 minutes. Dennis Chambers, defending himself, was allowed to leave the dock and sit closer to Margaret Bent, his alleged victim. She could hardly look at him but stared straight ahead. The case was the third in recent weeks in which victims of crime have suffered in the witness box.

A Japanese student was forced to spend 12 days in the witness box, reliving two days of rape by a gang of youths. This time the cross-examination was at the hands of counsel. In a third case two weeks before, Julia Mason, another rape victim, waived her right to anonymity to protest about the way her attacker, defending himself, was allowed to spend six days questioning her.

The ordeals have prompted calls for a reform in the law to restrict the ancient right of defendants to represent themselves. Judges, some say, should have discretion to insist on legal representation. But the cases also raise the wider issue of the witness box trauma. Should particularly vulnerable victims — those alleging rape, and children — be forced to endure the same open court grilling as all other defendants? Or do they deserve special treatment?

Last week Victim Support, the crime victims' charity, published a report, which was a damning indictment of the way in which courts treat child witnesses. Children forced to go to court, often in sex abuse cases, still have to wait many hours, or even days, before giving evidence and get little support for the experience, it found. Based on the experiences of 1,000 children in 26 Crown Courts, the report showed that seven years after a landmark report by Judge Pigot which urged measures to ease the trauma for child witnesses, including the giving of evidence by closed-circuit TV link from another room, court practice remains patchy. Children are not always allowed to use such links. One girl aged 11 became incoherent and distressed when she found she had to give evidence in open court. The case was dismissed. A special child-witness pack, published three years ago with the backing of the Lord Chancellor's Department, was used for only 25 per cent of children. One judge did not know what it was and tried to stop its use.

Delays, too, remain frequent. Many children are called to court hours or days before they have to give evidence, despite a Victim's Charter stating that the maximum wait should be two hours. In one sexual assault case, two girls were called to court and sent home six times. One in three had to wait for more than four hours. Many were also called to court and then not needed — 28 per cent of children in sexual cases and 53 per cent in other cases.

Helen Reeves, the director of the charity, blames the "sensitivity" of defence lawyers to any reform that could be seen as weakening the position of the defendant. This creates a lot of "extra difficulty" for children, she says. As a result, many cases cannot go to court because victims are too frightened to give evidence. "We cannot," she says, "permit that to continue."

But lawyers point to the importance of the defendant's case being fully put, in the interests of their fundamental right to a fair trial and to avoid appeals. Graham Cooke, a barrister, says that whether the defendant is arguing "not me", or that (in rape cases) the victim consented or that the assault did not happen, close questioning of the victim is unavoidable. If consent is the issue, the defence "will need to explore the distressing detail in cross-examination" to identify any contradictions or improbable assertions.

Mr Cooke says: "It is simply not good enough for the defence advocate to do no more than assert that the complainant is lying and then put the defendant in the witness box to say it did not happen." But he favours a change in the law so that defendants can be prevented, in rape and indecency cases, from being allowed to cross-examine in person.

Others want further changes: the right of rape victims to give evidence via live video link and a tougher line by judges in controlling counsel. But curbs on the defence carry a risk that the case would be quashed on appeal. Anne Rafferty, QC, the Criminal Bar Association chairman, says that knowing when to cut off cross-examination is difficult; only the defence has a grasp of the whole case. Judges are already given guidance on being alert to stressful cross-examination. This, she says, could be underlined.

Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions, admits that more — such as setting national standards for children's cases, fast-tracking of child-abuse cases and a tougher line on defence requests for adjournments — can be done without jeopardising defendants' rights. A "good practice" video is also being sent out to judges and lawyers. All, says Ms Reeves, would go some way to ensure that victims are not harmed yet further by the court process.

Why women get a raw deal in the courts

It is a truism that our judiciary is male-dominated, particularly at senior levels. It is also a truism that this has negative consequences for women. As the chairwoman of the Association of Women Barristers said in a letter to *The Times* recently: "The consequences of this lack of women in the senior judiciary reverberate through every level of society, reinforcing the de facto status of women as less authoritative than men, and the perception of their experience and contribution as less valuable."

Our judges are understandably concerned that they treat everyone equally, and that individual claims of "gender-insensitive" behaviour may be attributed to misreporting by the media. The one possibility which they cannot bring themselves to contemplate is that gender inequality in our judiciary can work injustice. The notion that there is gender bias in our courts is dismissed as too terrible to be credited.

As Professor Kathleen Mahoney, of the University of Calgary's faculty of law, has said: "The idea that courts could be acting in a manner prejudicial to a specific group in society is generally rejected outright ... To further complicate matters, the issue of bias is often personalised and reduced to the assertions of individual judges denying prejudice on their part or on the parts of their associates. This reaction is, in fact, inappropriate because it confuses the concepts of overt discrimination with systemic discrimination."*


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She says that though overt bias is relatively easy to identify and rectify, systemic bias is far more pervasive and insidious and is therefore much more difficult to eradicate.

One does not have to look far for examples of what many would regard as systemic gender bias in our courts: the industrial tribunal that refuses to accept that pornographic pin-ups in the workplace constitute unequal treatment; the appellate courts that jib at the idea that pregnancy dismissal might constitute sex discrimination; the Family Division that has authorised the use of force to impose obstetric interventions (such as forceps delivery, an induced birth and a Caesarean birth) on unconsenting pregnant women, but, in contrast, has protected a man's right to refuse amputation of a gangrenous limb (although the patient was a paranoid schizophrenic in Broadmoor, and refusal could have caused death); the plummeting conviction rate for rape trials (down from 24 per cent in 1985 to 8 per cent in 1994); and the difficulty that victims of domestic violence face in obtaining an effective remedy.

No one would think that, in such cases, judges are seeking to disadvantage women; yet, women undoubtedly are disadvantaged. Judges can sometimes be bedevilled by sexual stereotypes and misconceptions about women, and sometimes by uncertainty about what sexual equality means. In the recent House of Lords case *Webb v EMO Cargo*, in which it was found that it was unlawful to dismiss on grounds of pregnancy, a senior judge compared the position of the pregnant employee to the man selected to play cricket for England, despite the absurdity of this comparison.

Recent steps taken by the Judicial Studies Board, which is in charge of judges' training, to propose a module in "gender awareness" within a "human awareness" training programme for judges, may provide a way forward. It need hardly be said that such a programme has to be properly resourced and supported by senior judges in order to be effective. Nor should this sort of programme be viewed as a cosmetic addition to other forms of training. It concerns fundamental goals: the elimination of bias in the courtroom, equality before the law and access to justice for more than half the population.

Again, the Canadians may assist. Professor Mahoney tells us that the Western Judicial Education Centre has, since 1988, been organising continuing education programmes for judges from western and northwestern Canada, focusing specifically on delivery of justice to aboriginal people, gender equality in judicial decision-making and racial, ethnic and cultural equity.

One gender-training programme in 1991 took two days and, she says, involved three approaches: exploring the principles of equality in substantive law (which, if applied here, might include the jurisprudence of the European Convention on Human Rights), investigating the systemic social and economic consequences of sex discrimination, especially in terms of violence and poverty, and an examination of the consequences that individuals experience as a result of bias in the courts (such as rape victims and battered victims). Other topics included sexist language and the credibility of men as a group compared with women.

If the Judicial Studies Board could develop something along these lines, it would be an important development in promoting access to justice for women.

● *The writer is a practising barrister.*

* *From* International Strategies to Implement Equality Rights for Women: Overcoming Gender Bias in the Courts, *University of Pennsylvania Human Rights Book Series.*

What are Labour's law plans?

The Bar has put Labour's policies for the legal system at the top of the agenda of its conference this year with a keynote speech by Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Shadow Lord Chancellor. Barristers will also have their first chance to grill the shadow Lord Chancellor at the one-day conference on September 28, which has Cherie Booth, QC, wife of the Labour leader, as vice-chairman of its organising board. Lord Irvine is taking part in an open forum at which other panellists include Lord Justice Rose, chairman of the Criminal Justice Consultative Council.

Stephen Hockman, QC, the conference chairman, said the programme was very much geared to the concerns of practitioners — which included Labour's policies. "It is important that the Bar does not support one political party or another," he said. "But as we approach a general election, it seemed obvious to ask Lord Irvine to come."

Criminal justice reforms and the Government's sentencing proposals will be main topics: Roy Amlot, QC, is talking on disclosure, Anthony Arlidge, QC, on the right to silence and Anne Owers of Justice on the new Criminal Cases Review Authority.

Two other key sessions are on human rights law and the European Convention on Human Rights, in which Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, and Home Affairs Select Committee chairman, will spar with Geoffrey Robertson, QC. Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, will chair a workshop on devolving commercial and chancery work. Barristers' clerks will hold a question-and-answer session on improving services to clients, and Mr Justice Bell will chair a personal injuries and professional negligence session, in which a consultant surgeon, using X-rays and models of back injuries, will give a medical-style lecture. The day, at the Whitbread Brewery, City, ends with a formal dinner. Guest speaker will be Clive Anderson.

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MP goes to the dogs

GARY STREETER, MP, who infuriated solicitors within weeks of arriving at the Lord Chancellor's Department with his comment about legal aid "rottweilers", may receive a stormy reception this Thursday when he addresses solicitors on legal aid reforms at a one-day conference in Cardiff organised by the Law Society and Legal Aid Practitioners' Group.

Government plans to reform legal aid are still a primary target, although a Bill is not now planned for next session.

Bar Council bid

SO FAR, Anne Rafferty, QC, the chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, has resisted the temptation to try to win the chairmanship of the Bar Council. Her supporters will be hoping that this autumn she will finally try to become the first woman Bar Council leader by standing for the vice-chairmanship, the traditional route to chairman.

To judge by her acerbic criticisms of ministers in the CBA newsletter, she would make a formidable leader.


Anne Rafferty, QC: resisting

Reform opposed

LAST week a coalition made up of the Law Society and nine main advice groups launched a campaign of opposition to those legal aid reforms likely to go ahead because they do not need legislation.

The groups, including the Legal Action Group, Child Poverty Action Group and Shelter, say that the plans would undermine the ability of those on low incomes to enforce their rights.

Advice agencies say they will boycott the reforms if necessary. Steve Johnson, for the Federation of Independent Advice Centres, said agencies would not want to means-test people or collect proposed contributions towards legal fees. If they had to, it was "inevitable" that advice centres would refuse to do legal aid work.

No Lockerbie trial

THE two men accused of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie will never stand trial, their lawyers claimed at a conference in London last week.

Ibrahmin Legwell and Alistair Duff told the delegates at Lockerbie: Where Now?, a conference organised by the International Bar Association and the Arab Lawyers Union, that pre-trial publicity had removed their clients' chances of a fair trial, and that they would fight any attempt to extradite them. Mr Legwell said: "There is no obligation to extradite them. Further, if they are extradited, the conditions in which extradition takes place must be compatible with fundamental human rights."

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The 1996 Directory

The new edition of Chambers & Partners' Directory is now out. An innovation in the barristers' part of the book is the 'Stars at the Bar' section introduced to cater for those barristers such as Gordon Pollock, Jonathan Sumption and Michael Beloff who have such broad practices that they rise above individual specialisms.

We also researched top barristers' earnings, identifying Gordon Pollock, Anthony Grabiner and Christopher Carr as the highest earners (up to £1.5 million a year). Four other barristers said to be in the £1 million bracket were Jonathan Sumption, Michael Beloff, Michael Burton, and Peter Scott. Their huge fees are derived principally from court work. Fees for drafting opinions, however brilliant and however long they take, are much lower.

In other respects, the directory continues the trend of recent years with greater emphasis on leading practitioners. There are more names, there is more information about them, and the information is more readily accessible.

The main change this year is that the directory has been even more intensively researched. A team of a dozen researchers – mainly solicitors from private practice, several of them well known in their field – spent six months full-time, from January to June, talking to key practitioners in every area of law finding out what they do and what others are doing. Clients, too, were interviewed for their opinions. As a result, the directory provides a guide to leading firms and leading practitioners which is more reliably researched than any other.

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Surinder Lall on the lack of legislative support for partially sighted employees

A voyage around prejudice

When I was planning to go to the Bar, I was discussing the idea of a blind person becoming a barrister with a well-known QC. He said: "I have never seen a blind barrister," implying that the idea was absurd. It did not follow, I suggested, that there had been none, nor that there could not be any in the future. I seem to remember that John Mortimer's father, immortalised in the barrister-author's book and television play, *A Voyage Round My Father*, was blind; but certainly, blind barristers are a rarity.

A consortium of organisations for the blind has just launched a new campaign, "Out of Sight — Out of Work", to improve the position of blind and partially sighted people seeking employment. Surveys have found that employers are overlooking visually disabled people. Even compared with other categories of disabled, the visually disabled suffer the greatest level of unfair discrimination — more than 75 per cent of visually disabled people of working age are unemployed.

> One man was told that the course would be 'too onerous'

Lawyers have displayed the same lack of enlightenment as other employers in their approach. In my experience (seeking to enter first the Bar and then later, the solicitors' profession), an emphasis is given at interviews to quenching the interviewers' curiosity about the *detail of daily living: this is normally* accompanied by utterances of pious amazement.

Often, this is at the expense of examining the employment capabilities of the interviewee. Interviews can seem like an exercise in light relief, intended to break the routine drudgery of office life.

At one interview with a chambers in The Temple, I was faced with a phalanx of five barristers. Their opening ploy was to tell me I had to realise that "it was a tough world". *I pointed out that it was not for a bunch of comfortable barristers to* tell disabled people what a tough world it is.

Some years ago I was employed by a large West End law firm as a trainee solicitor. The idea was that I would be treated exactly like all the other trainees and given experience in several departments. Towards the end of the first six months, a circular went around with the departmental changes for the trainees — I was to move from property to litigation. On the appointed day, the other trainees changed departments. I was given various excuses for the delay in my move.

Eventually, I discovered that my *designated move* was aborted because the litigation department did not want a disabled person in their midst. This came as a surprise to the three partners who had originally recruited me. Without my knowledge, the matter went to a partners' committee. The partners had a clear choice: to make a stand against unfair discrimination or to support its perpetrators. They chose the latter and my employment ended. Because English law does not bar *unfair dismissal on disability* grounds, I was left with no remedy; employers can, and do, discriminate with impunity.

Even the most outstanding visually disabled candidates have an *inordinately difficult task in prising* open work and promotion opportunities. Take the case of a blind solicitor in a successful practice. After leaving university with impeccable academic credentials, he became a schoolteacher. He wanted to further his career, but realised that promotion prospects for a blind teacher were unpromising.

After eight years of teaching, he decided to try his luck at another profession. Despite an excellent academic and employment record, he was advised not to bother with *undertaking the solicitors' conversion* course because it would be "too onerous" for a blind person. He nevertheless enrolled and obtained the highest marks in his year. Thereafter, despite being an outstanding candidate, it took well over 200 applications before he was offered a training post. He became a successful solicitor and, at an early stage in his new career, attained partnership status.

The provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act will come into force in December. If the new *Act is to meet the hopes of visually* disabled people, it has to be accompanied by changes in attitude towards blind and partially sighted people as potential employees.

● *The author, a barrister, is embarking on a writing career.* Out of Sight — Out of Work? *was launched last week with the backing of the main charities for the blind, leading companies and the TUC. More details from the campaign hotline, 0171-2424477*

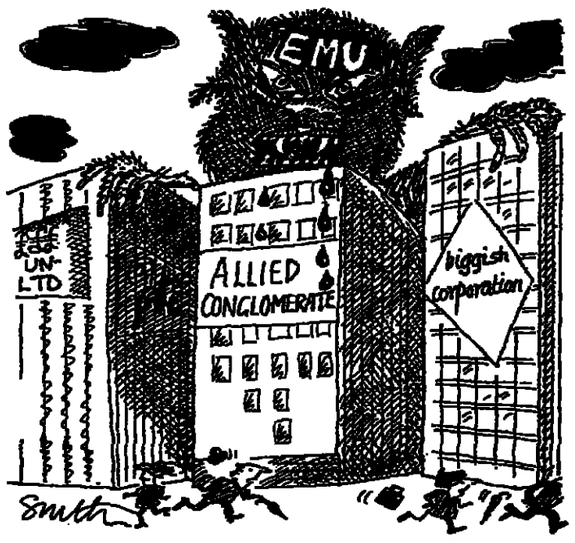
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Surinder Lall: attitudes to blind and partially sighted people must change

Danger looming for the City

Edward Fennell asks if the law is robust enough to cope with EMU



Alert lawyers would not have been surprised by the recent continental sabre-rattling over the position of London in the event of European monetary union going ahead without the UK's participation.

The matter is already being discussed with some urgency in leading legal circles, although most clients still seem to be blissfully unaware of the dangers. As the City law firm Cameron Markby Hewitt says: "No informed commentator doubts that EMU is of colossal importance to the European Union and to the UK. Yet the message does not seem to be reaching many of those who will be affected."

That, clearly, will now change. Paris and Frankfurt have fired some warning shots and Norton Rose has just published a special bulletin for its clients worldwide devoted to EMU, and the topic has also been taken up by the current issue of the magazine *European Financial Services Law Review*.

The challenge to lawyers here is how badly English law would be hurt if the City began to falter as Europe's leading financial centre. The financial establishment remains, unsurprisingly, bullish about the future, but there are chinks in the armour of confidence.

Pen Kent, executive director of the Bank of England, writing in *European Financial Services Law Review*, says: "In many people's eyes, EMU could seriously challenge the City if the UK does not join. They argue it might prompt a shift of business away from London to participant countries."

Those who control the strategies of the big City law firms already admit to some concern. Geoffrey Howe, Clifford Chance's managing partner, says: "I'm not sure what would happen if the euro currency went ahead without the UK, but there has to be some negative impact if Britain is not involved."

Even so, Mr Howe is confident that the underlying strength of London as the legal centre for Europe would prevent any immediate or dramatic impact. He says: "The effects would be marginal and *medium-term*."

Most London lawyers are inclined to agree. They are convinced that their international clients will continue to want their deals to be governed by English law. And, as Gilles Thieffry and Charles Proctor from Norton Rose point out in their recent survey, English law is robust enough to cope with EMU.

They say: "English law — combined with a few relevant principles of international law — already provides answers which are sufficient to meet the legal challenges of EMU. It follows that union should not in itself pose major legal problems for financial contracts."

But though English law is likely to continue to dominate international transactions, there might still be a trend away from the work *being done in London itself.*

As Mr Howe points out: "About 35 per cent of our business is now conducted outside the UK. That trend is likely to increase, and it could be accelerated if this country *does not adopt the euro.*"

Whether or not the UK is involved, the transition period is bound to lead to complications. As Dorothy Livingston of Herbert Smith observes: "There is going to be an awkward phase in the early years of the next century when it looks as though the euro and the national currencies will be operating at the same time. Banks and other financial institutions will need a lot of advice as old contracts will have to be reviewed and some will need to be adapted. There may be a certain amount of litigation arising out of this."

From the business point of view, Ms Livingston considers that adoption of the euro would be "very attractive, although in the short term, if the UK were to join, it would raise even more issues for lawyers to address".

The irony, perhaps, is that the most sensitive issue of all arises out of the status of the ecu — an informal forerunner of the euro. Many deals have been done using this convenient device, but Richard Parlour of Garrett & Co's banking department thinks that the uncertain future of the ecu could have explosive repercussions. He says: "The continuity of the ecu/euro market will be the key to successful EMU, but people do not want to discuss it much in public for fear of disturbing the current ecu market."

So EMU will undoubtedly spring some surprises. Now is the time for the lawyers to start preparing for them.

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Long established and fully Franchised practice seeks Family/Matrimonial specialist 1-4 years PQE to join committed, yet relaxed department. Quality caseload will include Divorce & Financial with expected emphasis on Childcare matters. The position carries with it both excellent earning and career potential with an idyllic location, boasting superb quality of life.
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PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE SOUTH WEST TO £30,000
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EMPLOYMENT SOUTH WEST TO £27,000
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Intellectual Property

London — 3-6 yrs pqe

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You will have a consistently good academic background and have between 3-6 years relevant pqe gained in-house or with a leading law firm. A technical background would be an advantage. Remuneration, including a wide range of benefits, will be highly competitive.

Shell are committed to providing equal opportunities to everyone and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

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The company now requires a lawyer to be based at the UK headquarters. You should be between 2 and 4 years qualified with commercial experience in the IT field, gained either in-house or from private practice. An interest in technology, self-motivation, and excellent drafting and communication skills are essential. This is a challenging opportunity involving overseas travel and an excellent package is on offer including a company car, pension and medical benefits.

Media Technology

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This is a high profile and challenging role involving general advice on commercial law including sales contracts, contractual alliances, employment law and working as part of the management team on strategic issues.

You will be a high calibre international lawyer qualified in any jurisdiction with between 5 and 10 years experience in commercial law, ideally gained from a major multinational. Previous experience of working in or with the Far East and Asia is a distinct advantage. You should have a strong personality with a practical and "hands-on" approach and be willing to undertake extensive travel.

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In return, we are offering a highly competitive salary and benefits package, together with the opportunity to progress with a rapidly expanding company. You will also enjoy a unique working environment in our prestigious headquarters in Atlantic Quay – not to mention travelling throughout the UK and potentially overseas.

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Company Secretary

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Our client is a highly individual and successful public company. Following a period of sustained growth and performance, a high calibre Company Secretary is required to join a highly motivated management team.

The Role

- Organise and arrange meetings of the main and non-executive boards, liaise with board members, taking minutes of relevant meetings.
- All formal Company Secretarial functions, monitoring and maintaining all board confidential records. Provide counsel and advice as appropriate on a wide range of issues.
- Responsibility for all company insurance, pensions and any other fiscal or legal requirements.

The Requirement

- Qualified Corporate Lawyer and/or Company Secretary, ideally aged early to mid 30's. They will be able to demonstrate high technical capability, yellow book and M&A experience.
- Robust, commercially aware team player, who is capable of operating at board level and being part of a dynamic and dedicated management team.
- Excellent communications and diplomacy skills combined with a desire and ability to get involved in a range of management and special projects.

If you believe you have the required background and appetite for this outstanding opportunity, please send a current CV including daytime telephone number and salary details to the advising consultants at Harvey Nash Plc, 13 Bruton Street, London W1X 7AH. (Tel: 0171 333 0033, Fax: 0171 333 0032.) Please quote reference number HNF153ST. You may also apply via http://taps.com/Harvey_Nash

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Our Client is a key division of one of the world's largest vertically integrated energy companies, with revenues of $9.2 billion per annum, world wide assets of $14 billion and a 19% compound annual growth rate in earnings over the last five years.

A pivotal sector of the group's global operations, our Client is pursuing a progressive merchant business strategy in the Asia Pacific region and now seeks to appoint its first lawyer for the region, to join a rapidly expanding business team. You will work closely with senior management and advise on all aspects of the division's projects and commercial ventures in the region, which include energy infrastructure development, the purchase, sale and processing of energy commodities, energy industry financing transactions and risk management activities.

You will be a senior assistant solicitor or partner in private practice or already work with a leading energy company and have gained considerable high level expertise in energy projects/trading matters. Critically, you will have had experience of practising in the Far East and be capable of working independently in the region.

In return, you will be offered excellent career opportunities and, as you can see, an outstanding salary, bonus and benefits package.

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Offering an exceptional opportunity to tap into the existing corporate clientbase this role will suit a dynamic, ambitious partner (aged 35-45) combining technical expertise with a genuine flair for marketing and practice development.

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Our client is a well-established plc which has recently undertaken a programme of restructuring and investment in order to create a more focused and cohesive group of businesses. The Group holds a leading position in each of its markets, backed by strong brand names synonymous with high quality. The Group encompasses an international spread of businesses with a number of production facilities outside the UK. Improved profitability and a strengthened balance sheet *have left the Group well placed to expand and build on its overseas interests.*

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What do you admire about your own firm? Is it their young innovative out-look, their lack of complacency about their position in the market place or their desire to share their success as a team? If perhaps your expectations exceed those of your firm, consider this – a firm which offers all of the above in addition to a premier portfolio of national and international clients with expertise in all areas including securitisation and a genuinely meritocratic approach to partnership. If you are tired of waiting in the wings, possess 4-7 years' experience with a major player and have no desire to jump from the frying pan into the fire, consider a firm whose vision of success is truly admirable. Ref: T/014819.

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As a 2-4 year lawyer within the information technology unit of a leading practice, you will be well aware that any career move will have a critical bearing on your long term career prospects. You are ambitious but are not prepared to sacrifice quality of work for a rapid rise to partnership. Our medium sized client is uniquely positioned to combine exceptional work and major firm resources as is keen to recruit an additional team member who is hungry for early progress. You will handle a full range of M&A's, infrastructure, compliance, procurement and intercompany issues on behalf of household name IT clients. Who says you can't have your cake and eat it? Ref: T/014377.

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This well respected City firm requires an additional contentious lawyer to join its rapidly expanding team. From your construction seat during articles you instinctively recognised this to be your chosen area of specialisation. Ideally you are now at a level in which you are confident and experienced in dealing with clients, many of whom are UK construction companies and multinational contractors. You must have strong academics and currently be with a firm irrespective of size, that possesses a profile within the construction industry and be experienced in the processes of litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution. Ref: T/014746.

CITY — CORPORATE FINANCE
You must consider yourself a talented and highly professional lawyer currently with a leading City firm. Having acquired a sound understanding of the business environment within which you operate you are no stranger to the demands a position such as this would expect of you. You are ambitious, have long term career objectives and recognise that in order to achieve these goals a parallel move to a dynamic expanding corporate department may be the catalyst required to accelerate your progression. Ref: T/013985.

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Finance and resource management and general administration experience is essential. So too is the ability to put effective financial systems in place and develop the Department's IT capabilities. We are also looking for confidence and diplomacy to work at a senior level within the Service, excellent written and verbal communication and an efficient, 'can-do' approach to business. Knowledge of legal practice and an accounting, business or management qualification would be an advantage.

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Midlands & North

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- ***Employment Structures***
- ***Employment Law***
- ***Share Schemes***

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You will support the full range of the Secretariat's responsibilities, specifically to include preparatory/follow-up work for board meetings, the secretaryship of certain subsidiary companies, best practice monitoring on corporate governance and related issues, Stock Exchange and Companies Act compliance, liaison with the company's external registrars, plus commercial routines and ad hoc projects. Ref: 60581.

Location - West of London (M4/M25 area) for both roles.

These positions require strong technical backgrounds in company secretarial work, supported by an appropriate professional qualification and preferably a degree. Previous listed company experience is essential for the Assistant Company Secretary's post and desirable for the Secretariat Manager. You must be computer literate and will have finely tuned communication skills, self motivation, commercial awareness and the ability to respond quickly and flexibly in a busy non hierarchical team.

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Brian Glanville recalls the moment that announced the arrival of a football genius

The goal that put the world at Pele's feet

The GREATEST GOAL I ever saw



Svensson, the Sweden goalkeeper, dives in vain as Pelé, with three defenders in close proximity, scores the first of his two goals for Brazil in the 1958 World Cup final

For precocity, courage, conception and execution, I would choose the first of Pelé's two goals for Brazil in the World Cup final of 1958 against Sweden in Stockholm.

On a rainy afternoon, they had gone behind to a very early goal when Nils Liedholm, the veteran Sweden inside left, had picked his way through their penalty area and scored. George Raynor, the little Yorkshireman who was coaching Sweden, had forecast that, if the Brazilians went a goal down, "they'll panic all over the show". They did not. Two devastating runs down the right by Garrincha, two crosses from the byline hit home by Vavá, and Brazil were in the lead.

It was in the second half that Pelé so spectacularly scored their third. This is how he described it himself: "It was Nilton Santos [the Brazil left back], in our early game against Austria, who decided to attack rather than always defend, and made our second goal, a rare thing for defenders in a World Cup game. And now, when he was in Sweden's half, he kicked a long, high ball towards those of us in the goal area.

"I stopped it on my thigh, kicked it in the air, whirled and kicked it towards the goal as it came down. Svensson [the Sweden goalkeeper] made a valiant effort to block the ball, but it was to his right and it happened too fast for him to adjust. He was stretched out on the ground, his arms outstretched as the ball went into the net.

"I was screaming GOOOAAALLL!!! and running and jumping in the air, but with a release of unbearable tension, and then I was suffocated by my teammates swarming all over me, seemingly trying to break my back, jumping on me from as far away as they could leap, wrapping their arms around my throat, half strangling me. But I didn't mind, I didn't even feel it. That extra insurance goal made victory certain."

Victory, as it transpired, by five goals to two. Pelé scoring another superb goal — Brazil's fifth — when he soared high above the Swedish defence to head in Zagallo's centre from the left. Was there nothing this amazing prodigy could not do?

That first goal illustrated so many of his virtues: his acrobatic skills, his sublime technique, his opportunism, his endless ability to make goals out of nothing and, not least, his bravery — his capacity to cut himself off in a kind of cocoon of nonchalance, unperturbed by the imminence of harm.

The Sweden defence that hovered around him as he hooked the ball over his head included a formidable opponent in Parling, the hefty, fair-haired left half nicknamed, for good reason, "The Iron Stove". In the semi-final against Germany, in Gothenburg, Parling had committed so harsh a challenge on the West Germany captain, Fritz Walter, that Walter had had to retire to bed, and played no part in the ensuing third-place match. Pelé was impervious to such matters. The chance of a goal would always find him fearless.

He does not count either of those goals as the most important he has scored, nor that other mighty header, leaping high above Tarcisio Burnigh, with which, 12 long years later, he headed in another left-wing cross, from Rivelino, in another World Cup final, against Italy in Mexico City. It was Brazil's first against an Italy team that they eventually crushed 4-1. Pelé laying on the last two goals with calibrated passes to the right.

The goal that he says was his most significant is one I did not see, though I was there. I had turned in the Gothenburg press box, during the 1958 quarter-final match between Brazil and Wales, to answer another journalist. Looking round again, I saw the Brazilians piling joyously on top of Pelé and one another in the Wales goalmouth.

Pelé had just won them the match with what, however important, was one of the scrappiest goals he ever scored. It was a shot that Jack Kelsey, the heroic Wales goalkeeper, would surely have saved had it not struck the foot of Stuart Williams, the right back, and changed direction.

Almost as memorable were the two goals that Pelé did not quite score in Guadalajara in the early phases of the 1970 World Cup. Noticing that the Czech goalkeeper, Viktor, had a habit of straying off his line, Pelé, receiving the ball at a kick-off, shot immediately from the centre circle. The ball arced over Viktor's head, but bounced just outside the post.

Another almost impertinent attempt came against Uruguay. As Mazurkiewicz, the Uruguay goalkeeper, advanced, Pelé deceived him with a dummy, ran round him, and then shot fractionally wide of the far post.

Since then, two other, lesser players have succeeded in doing what Pelé so nearly did against the Czechs, and I saw both those goals. One, scored by Nayim, won the European Cup Winners' Cup final of 1995 for Real Zaragoza against Arsenal in Paris — an incredible shot from far out near the right-hand touchline that flew over the head of David Seaman, the Arsenal goalkeeper, and into the goal. Astonishing, too, was the goal that young David Beckham got for Manchester United this very season against Wimbledon, striking right-footed, from just inside his own half, above the stranded goalkeeper, Sullivan.

Two of Diego Maradona's goals in the Azteca Stadium in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico must rival all those goals in their quite different ways. They were those he scored against England and, in the subsequent match, against Belgium. On each occasion — low-centred, thick-thighed, left-footed, electrically fast — he brought off the most outstanding slalom, leaving man after man behind with a tap, a swerve, a spurt, until at last, in each case, he consummated the solo run with a decisive shot.

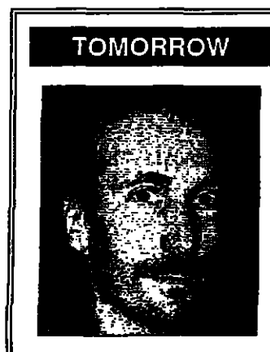
The goal against England came soon after Maradona had scored with what he notoriously called "The Hand of God", stretching up a fist, when Hodge miskicked high into the air, to guide the ball past Peter Shilton. An Italian journalist remarked that the England defence had still been in a state of shock, "like a man who has just had his wallet stolen", but there was no such excuse for the Belgians.

Great goals, though, are not always the fruit of individual virtuosity. Football is a team game, and some of the finest goals have been collective efforts, or at least the work of a duo rather than a single star.

Ferenc Puskás, of Hungary, and Alfredo Di Stéfano, of Argentina, are two of the finest players of their generation, and wound up playing together for Real Madrid in their halcyon days. I saw them get seven goals between them — four for Puskás, three for Di Stéfano — in the fabled European Cup final of 1960 at Hampden Park, when Eintracht Frankfurt were beaten 7-3.

Yet the goal that remains in my mind was the one that they engineered in the first half of the 1962 European Cup final in Amsterdam, against Benfica, a match that Benfica eventually won. Di Stéfano's through pass was exquisitely timed. Puskás, "The Galloping Major", trotted rather than galloped onto it, tubby but irresistible, and went half the length of the field before his left foot did the ultimate damage. The game over, he took off his jersey and anointed his heir: Eusébio, who had twice scored for Benfica with a right foot as ferocious as Puskás's left.

TOMORROW



Simon Barnes savours one of England's finest goals

IN BRIEF

Fifth win ensures Makinen's first title

TOMMI MAKINEN became world motor rallying champion for the first time yesterday with an emphatic victory in the Australian Rally in Perth. The Finn cruised through the final day to complete his fifth victory of the season and become the first Mitsubishi driver to capture the title.

He finished 77 seconds ahead of Kenneth Ericksson, of Sweden, in a Subaru, with Carlos Saimz, of Spain, third in a Ford Escort. Colin McRae, of Britain, last season's world champion, was fourth in a Subaru, his first finish for three months after a spate of accidents.

Edwards beaten

Athletics: Jonathan Edwards was beaten for the first time since the Olympic Games in the triple jump at the Toto International in Tokyo yesterday. Edwards could manage only 17.38 metres, victory going to Kenny Harrison, of the United States, who recorded 17.51 to repeat his Atlanta success over Edwards. Roger Black beat a high-class field in the 400 metres in 45.33sec.

Henman trains

Tennis: Tim Henman is winning his fitness battle to lead Great Britain in their Davis Cup match against Egypt at Wimbledon, starting on Friday. The world No 33 has been troubled by a groin injury since the US Open but came through a practice session yesterday without any problems.

Reid's challenge

Boxing: Robin Reid, of Bolton, is to bypass British and European championship contests and go straight into a world championship bout. The former amateur challenges Vincenzo Nardiello, of Italy, for the World Boxing Council super-middleweight title in Milan on October 12.

Americans win

Golf: Fred Couples beat Vijay Singh two and one to seal the United States' second successive triumph against an international team in the Presidents Cup at Gainesville, Virginia, on Sunday. The United States won 16½-15½.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Running a long suit frequently gives the defence problems. On many occasions a genuine squeeze position can develop, and on many more the defenders will go wrong even though they are not in trouble. This hand is from the final of the Forbo Krommenie tournament in Scheveningen in February.

Dealer South — Game all — IMPs

	♠10954 ♥53 ♦K10 ♣K9843	
♠J7 ♥KJ10862 ♦9553 ♣5	N W E S	♠Q8632 ♥94 ♦8742 ♣76
	♠AK ♥AQ7 ♦AQJ ♣AQJ102	

S	W	N	E
2 C	3 H	Pass	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 NT	All Pass		

Contract: Six No-trumps by South. Lead: six of diamonds

The bidding was not impressive. South's first two bids are reasonable enough but North should have proceeded with Four Clubs rather than 4 NT — after all a suit contract was quite likely to be better. Even after North's raise to 4 NT, South should have saved the day by trying Six Clubs rather than 6 NT. A club fit was likely to generate more tricks than no-trumps. As you can see, Seven Clubs is cold while 6 NT has only 11 top tricks.

Declarer won the diamond lead with the jack. Playing on spades now would have enabled him to develop the twelfth trick in that suit, but reasonably enough he played off all his club winners immediately. East threw a spade and a diamond; then he misguidedly threw the nine of hearts, to show his partner an even number.

Next, declarer cashed his top spades. By this time he did not have the entries to take advantage of the fall of the jack. However his last five cards were A Q 7 of hearts and A Q of diamonds.

If West kept three diamonds and two hearts declarer would play ace and another heart; if West kept two diamonds and three hearts declarer would cash his diamonds and play a low heart to endplay West.

Had East kept his nine of hearts, declarer could not have exited with a low heart, as East still had a winning spade (West had kept K J 8 of hearts).

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kamsky's win

Although Fide championship challenger Gata Kamsky failed to win the Donner Memorial in Amsterdam, he still produced some fine chess, as in the following dynamic demolition of the normally solid grandmaster Valery Salov. White's sacrifice on move 17 exploited the traditional weakness of Black's pawn at f7.

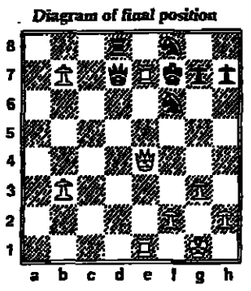
White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Valery Salov

Amsterdam, August 1996

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	b3	b5
6	cxb5	Bxb5
7	Bg2	d5
8	0-0	Nbd7
9	Re1	Bb4
10	Bd2	a5
11	Nc3	Ba6
12	e3	Be7
13	e4	Bb7
14	exd5	Nxd5
15	Ne4	N5f6
16	Nfg5	Bd5
17	Nxf7	Kxf7
18	Ng5+	Kg8
19	Nxe6	Bxe8
20	Rxe6	Kf7
21	Qe2	Re8
22	Bxe8	Qxe8
23	Re1	Qd8
24	Bxa5	Nf8
25	Re3	Ng6
26	Qc4+	Qd5
27	Qxc7	Kf8
28	Bb4	Bxb4
29	axb4	Rd8
30	b5	Qxd4
31	b6	Qd7
32	Qc5+	Kg8
33	Qc4+	Kf8
34	Re6	Nd5
35	Qe4	Kf7
36	b7	Nf8
37	Re8	Nf6
38	Re7+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Chess Olympiad

The official English team for the chess Olympiad, or biennial world team championship for national sides, is: Nigel Short, Michael Adams, Jon Speelman, Matthew Sadler, Julian Hodgson and Stuart Conquest. England have previously won silver and bronze medals and are now one of the favourites.

Chinese chess

As part of my series on chess in China, to coincide with *The Times* Mysteries of Ancient China exhibition at the British Museum, I continue today with details about the greatest champion in China's own version of chess. Hu Rong Hua won the Xiang Qi (Chinese chess) championship for the first time in 1960 aged 15, the youngest champion in that mind sport. In 1985, at the age of 40, he added the record for becoming the oldest champion too.

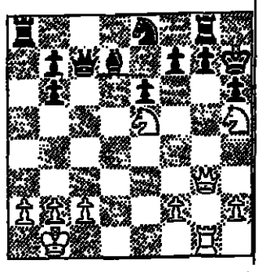
The greatest player of Chinese chess of all time, Hua logged an unprecedented sequence of ten consecutive victories in the championship during his dominant years. The best Chinese chess players come from mainland China, and the Chinese national championship may safely be considered equivalent to the world championship.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Horvath — Eperjesi, Hungary 1971. Here White has just sacrificed a rook on d7 with the intention of blocking the black queen's protection of the f7 pawn. How did he now exploit this weakness in brilliant style?



Solution on page 46

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ADIPOSITY
a. Propinquity
b. The yellow poppy
c. Fatness

BOWK
a. To blush
b. A miner's pail
c. A coracle

ARLES
a. Bull-fighting
b. Money in advance
c. Itinerant musicians

BETELL
a. A chapel
b. To calumniate
c. To act as teller

Answers on page 46

ICE HOCKEY

Basingstoke receive cause for optimism

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

AS EXPECTED, the eight Superleague teams qualified for the knockout stage of the Benson and Hedges Cup and, in the quarter-finals, Ayr Scottish Eagles will play Manchester Storm, Sheffield Steelers will play Newcastle Cobras, Cardiff Devils will play Nottingham Panthers and Basingstoke Bison will play Bracknell Bees.

The four group-winners were kept apart in the draw, but in only one case were two teams from the same group drawn together and, as Basingstoke have already beaten Bracknell twice, they must be fancied to go through to the last eight.

There was one surprise in the final round of group games, however: Nottingham Panthers were held 7-7 by Solihull Blaze, of the premier division. Ashley Tait scored for the Panthers in the first minute but they found penalty trouble and conceded two power-play goals in falling behind 3-1 by the end of the first period.

Solihull led 6-3 at the end of the second, but four goals in 6½ minutes saw the Panthers lead 7-6, only for Les Millie to tie the game with less than five minuts remaining.

There was an unfortunate incident midway through the game, when Derek Laxdal of the Panthers was ejected by the referee. He was attacked by three women spectators while on his way to the dressing-room. Security men quickly dealt with the incident and the women were escorted from the rink.

Ayr Scottish Eagles dropped their first point despite leading 3-0 early in the second period. Petri Routlainen scoring with less than seven mainutes remaining to earn Newcastle Cobras a point. Cardiff and Basingstoke maintained their 100 per cent records, Devils inflicting a first home defeat of the season on Manchester Storm.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Quarter-final draw: Ayr Scottish Eagles v Manchester Storm, Sheffield Steelers v Newcastle Cobras; Cardiff Devils v Nottingham Panthers; Basingstoke Bison v Bracknell Bees.
☐ Matches to be played over September 28-29 and October 5-6.

FOOTBALL

Mabbutt resigned to missing rest of season

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GARY MABBUTT, the Tottenham Hotspur captain, confirmed yesterday that he will not play again for the rest of the season. Mabbutt, 35, broke his left leg in Tottenham's opening match against Blackburn Rovers and had hoped to be back in action by Christmas. However, after undergoing surgery this week to have a steel rod put into his leg, he admitted that his comeback would have to be postponed until next summer.

"The bone was badly smashed and I will have this rod in for about six months," he said. "By the time I get my fitness back, it will be the end of the season, so my target now is to be fit for the start of next season."

Struggling Southampton expect to complete the transfer of Paolo Alves, the Portugal striker, from Sporting Lisbon by next week for a club record fee of £1.5 million. Graeme Souness, the Southampton manager, said: "Alves is a proven goalscorer and, if he signs, he will be the first of several new players."

Preston North End broke their transfer record yesterday to sign Alan Reeves, the Wimbledon defender, for £350,000.

Rotherham United appointed Danny Bergara as their manager yesterday, just hours after sacking the joint management team of Archie Gemmill and John McGovern. The first task facing Uruguay-born Bergara, the former Stockport County manager and Sheffield United coach, is to lift Rotherham off the bottom of the Nationwide League second division.

Hearts have asked the Scottish Football Association to investigate the handling of their match against Rangers at Ibrox on Saturday, when four Hearts players were sent off by Gerry Evans, the referee. In a statement, the club said: "There were many aspects surrounding the handling of the game which caused us great concern."

Steve Archibald, who guided East Fife to promotion from the Bell's League second division last season, has been sacked by the club.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
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Coca-Cola Cup
Second round, first leg
Barnsley v Gillingham (7.45) ....
Brentford v Blackburn (7.45) ....
Bury v Crystal Palace (7.45) .....
Charlton v Burnley (7.45) ....
Fulham v Ipswich (7.45) ....
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Lincoln v Manchester City (7.45) ...
Luton v Derby (7.45) ....
Oldham v Tranmere (7.45) .....
Port Vale v Carlisle (7.45) .....
* Preston v Tottenham (7.45) .....
Scarborough v Leicester .....
Stockport v Sheffield Utd .....
Watford v Sunderland (7.45) .....

Nationwide League
Second division
Wrexham v Bristol Rovers .....

Vauxhall Conference
Bromsgrove v Altrincham (7.45) .....
Dover v Slough (7.45) .....
Halifax v Stalybridge (7.45) .....
Rushden and D v Farnborough (7.45)
Southport v Northwich (7.45) .....
Telford v Kettering (7.45) .....

Scottish Coca-Cola Cup
Fourth round
Dundee v Aberdeen .....
Dunfermline v Partick .....
Hearts v Celtic (8.0) .....

FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: Arnold v Gretna; Ossett Albion v Accrington Stanley; Gainsborough v Tow Law; Trafford v Bridgnorth, Lancaster v Lincoln United; Shepshed Dynamo v Sandwell Borough; Great Yarmouth Town v Sudbury Wanderers; Haybridge Swifts v Bury Town, Halstead Town v Collier Row and Romford; Erith and Belvedere v Barton Rovers; Ford United v Edgware; St Albans v London Colney; Herne Bay v Walton and Hersham; Oxford City v Witney; Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Thatcham; Lymington AFC v Thame; Godalming and Guildford v Salisbury; Bath v Devizes.
DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Midland division: Stourbridge v Paget Rangers
ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Yeovil v Carshalton Second division: Banstead v Bracknell; Barking v Bedford Town; Egham v Hemel Hempstead; Tilbury v Leatherhead; Windsor and Eton v Wembley Third division: Hornchurch v Braintree; Wealdstone v Hertford
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Blyth Spartans v Bishop Auckland, Chorley v Knowsley; Guiseley v Spennymoor; Marine v Colwyn Bay; Witton v Hyde First division: Atherton LR v Workington; Congleton v Eastwood Town; Great Harwood v Curzon Ashton; Matlock Town v Droylsden; Stocksbridge PS v Harrogate Town; Warrington v Radcliffe, Whitley Bay v Netherfield
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Millwall v Bristol Rovers (2.0).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Rotherham v Grimsby (7.0). Third division: Chester v Wigan (7.0).
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE:

O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers Cup: Arlesey Town v Hoddesdon; Biggleswade v Royston; Welwyn Garden City v Toddington Rovers.
LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: First round, first leg: Inter Cobla-Tel v Caersws
ULSTER CUP: Final: Coleraine v Crusaders (at Seaview)
SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm v Odd Down.
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Westfield; Chipstead v Netherne, Corinthian-Casuals v Viking Sports. Cove v Ash, Farnham v Sandhurst
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bolehall Swifts v David Lloyd
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Burnham v Banbury; Carterton v Abingdon United
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Burscough v Prescot; Glossop North End v Holker Old Boys; Maine Road v Mossley; Nantwich v Atherton Collieries; Newcastle Town v Bootle; Vauxhall GM v Chadderton.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v Stowmarket; March v Walton; Woodbridge v Soham; Wroxham v Gorleston.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Dennaby; Ashfield v Glasshoughton Welfare, Belper Town v Hucknall; Maltby MW v Pickering; Pontefract Colts v North Ferriby.
FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final: Dundalk v Athlone (7.45); Galway v Derry (7.45); St Patrick's Ath v Cork (7.45)

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Tunbridge Wells v Deal
FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Cheshunt v Barnet; Chippenham v Cirencester Town Preliminary round replay: Bromsgrove v Lutterworth.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Tyne and Wear League: Under-15: Gateshead v North Tyne, Newcastle v Chester-le-Street; West Tyne v Sunderland. Under-14: Gateshead v North Tyne; Newcastle v Chester-le-Street.

RUGBY UNION
Kick-off 7.0
Welsh League
First division
Swansea v Pontypridd .....
Second division
Aberavon v Cross Keys .....
Abercynon v Cardiff Inst .....
Blackwood v Llandovery .....
Maesteg v Abertillery .....
South Wales Police v Pontypool .....
Ystradgynlais v Bonymaen .....

CRICKET
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Belper Meadows: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire Barnt Green: Worcestershire v Glamorgan

OTHER SPORT
TABLE TENNIS: European Women's League: England v Italy (at Warwick)

RACING: CLASSIC-WINNING TRAINER ADVOCATES ABOLITION OF SIX-STROKE TRIGGER MECHANISM AS DEBATE GATHERS PACE

Change of tactics needed for whip rule

JOHN GOSDEN



On an unfair dilemma facing jockeys

The well-intended whip rules have improved race riding and removed abuse of horses — but they have a serious flaw which will continue making a mockery of racing until it is changed.

Frankie Dettori and Pat Eddery, who were both suspended for misuse of the whip after their fantastic finish on Shantou and Dushyantor respectively in the St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday, are top-class athletes and artists. We are not talking about rough horse riders, but great jockeys who also happen to love thoroughbreds. As a trainer, I would not consider employing anyone if I felt he was in any way cruel or vicious with horses. I would never put anyone like that on a horse.

You can damage a horse that is struggling and going backwards, but you don't harm one who is going forward positively in a race. I used to work with Noel Murless and Vincent O'Brien and horses ridden by Lester Piggott who, supposedly, received hard rides, used to come out of their races in very good order. They did not lie down like abused creatures.

Shantou, who was hit 13 times by Dettori in the closing stages of the St Leger, ate up all his food and was bouncing and jumping when he got home. He was not bruised and yesterday morning he was in such high spirits he even tried to get his rider off. He's full of himself and a happy horse; not an animal that has been cruelly punished.

A lot of the whip rules are well written and make considerable sense but the problem comes when a whip has been used six times or more and racecourse stewards are required to consider holding an inquiry. They are pressured to do it. Obviously, the answer is for the stewards to be given more discretion and to be allowed to use their judgment. That means doing away with the six-hit trigger mechanism.

In a finish to a great race, such as the St Leger on Saturday, we are doing serious damage to racing by ending up with suspensions. It was terrific theatre at Doncaster but the rules mean we are saying the script is wrong. We are shooting ourselves in the foot.

It is grossly unfair to put jockeys into a *Catch 22* situation where they are damned if they do and damned if they don't. In a finish like the St Leger, what are the jockeys supposed to do half a furlong from the winning line? Put their sticks down and ride them out with hands and heels? Dettori and Eddery did not pick up their sticks until late on.

I have seen riders hit a horse just three times but hurt it, whereas someone like Dettori or Willie Carson can use the whip a dozen times, flicking it forward and propelling it to get a horse to extend its stride — but as the rule stands the wrong person gets hauled in front of the stewards. Dettori uses the whip in the backhand position so he cannot hit with enormous force.

When I worked in the United States I found a lot of riders were vicious and hit horses too often and too hard with the stick — but over there they get called in if they do not hit horses enough in a race. That is the irony of the situation.

The whip rules governing British racing present our riders with an unfair dilemma. I am sure that was not the intention when they were drawn up, but in practice that happens when it comes to the big races — and it will continue until it is changed.

By doing away with the six-stroke rule, there might be some stewarding inconsistencies, but it would help if we had some officials appointed who understood race riding and horses. In Britain we do not seem to have former jockeys as stipendary stewards as they do in Australia, the United States and Hong Kong. That is regrettable.

At Doncaster, everyone was talking about two of the greatest rides of the year and yet the two jockeys involved were hauled up before the stewards, in the same way the three jockeys who fought out the finish of the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket in May were called in and suspended.

The rule is flawed and must be put right. If the Jockey Club puts its heads into the sand, they will be doing themselves and racing an enormous disservice.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Dettori, left, and Eddery produce a classic finish in the St Leger but were punished with whip bans

CLASSIC BANS

Bans handed out to riders in British classics since the whip ruling was amended to six strokes from ten in July 1993.

1996: 2,000 Guineas. Dettori (1st on Mark Of Esteem), eight days; Philip Robinson (2nd on Even Top), four days; Jason Weaver (3rd on Bijou D'Inde), two days.

St Leger: Dettori (1st on Shantou), four days; Pat Eddery (2nd on Dushyantor), two days.

Vets believe that Jockey Club is on the right lines

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

USE of the whip is an emotive subject in racing. The judgment of owners, trainers, jockeys and punters may be clouded by financial considerations, while people outside the sport can be accused of not fully understanding it.

However, a veterinary surgeon has no axe to grind. He cares above all for the wellbeing of the thoroughbred, but also understands that it is bred for a purpose.

Tony Warr, a vet of 12 years experience now based at Paddock Wood in Kent, has worked both at the racecourse and in racing stables. He also rides in point-to-points and hunter chases.

"I feel very strongly about whip abuse. I'd shrivel up in shame if I ever marked a horse I was riding in a point-to-point," he said.

"The rules as they stand are a reasonable compromise. Problems may arise if they are not used consistently. Whilst we have to protect the horses, there is no easy answer. It is a very complex business."

The Jockey Club changed the whip specifications at the start of this year, with a view to lessening their impact. The whips now used are 68cm long, including the flap at the end, and have a minimum diameter of 1cm.

As National Hunt jockeys are heavier and stronger than their Flat counterparts, they have to use whips with a felt-covered flap, which lessens its impact. However, Warr does not believe that this is necessarily a help. "Although the National Hunt whips have been designed to have softer edges, the other side of the coin is that a horse can be hit harder without marking it," he said.

David Ellis, a partner in a veterinary practice in Newmarket, is also well placed to see both sides of the argument.

"To the person that does not know much about racing it may seem cruel, but I don't think it's harmful or inhumane. I know that the Jockey Club maintains a close liaison with the RSPCA on the subject," Ellis said. "In my experience it is unusual for horses to be hurt by the whip. I have rarely seen horses with weals caused by it."

The Jockey Club's director of regulation, Malcolm Wallace, described the whip rule as being "under constant review". "If we haven't got it right, how can we make it better and still prevent horses from appearing to be abused? If we have it wrong, and somebody can come up with a better way of policing it, then I absolutely guarantee that it will be looked at."

Whilst recognising that the rules are likely to be flouted when stakes are high, Wallace discounted suggestions that the rules could be amended for big races. "If a rule is in place, there is no chance of it being relaxed for major races.

"The rule was introduced to stop jockeys flogging horses and means the stewards have to take a view on whether a horse is being abused or could be perceived as being abused. If they don't take action, racing is brought into disrepute by jockeys appearing to hit horses far too much, but when the newspapers are full of headlines over whip bans, you are bringing racing into disrepute anyway."

Wallace, together with the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee chairman Christopher Hall and senior stewards' secretary Patrick Hibbert-Foy, will this week watch film of the St Leger finish.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER

2.35 State Approval
3.10 BINT SHADAYID (nap)
3.45 Saheel
4.15 Portelet
4.45 Lucky Revenge
5.20 Lucky Oakwood

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Bint Shadayid. 3.45 Saheel.

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F–7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.35 BROOKE CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,207: 1m 3f 101yd) (11 runners)

1	(7)	203414	BALLPOINT 13 (G) (A Solomons) R Hannon 9-7	R Perham	91
2	(11)	006003	TIME FOR TEA 18 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-2	L Dettori	86
3	(6)	025115	STATE APPROVAL 25 (F,G) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-13	C Carver (7)	85
4	(8)	422333	TART 17 (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 8-13	D Harrison	97
5	(9)	344540	CHOCOLATE ICE 8 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9	J Fortune	94
6	(5)	263450	IRISH SEA 31 (Consolitex Ltd) D Nicholls 8-7	W Ryan	89
7	(4)	026040	SEEKING DESTINY 40 (G) (M O'Toole) M Chapman 8-7	D R McCabe	80
8	(1)	065155	CLUED UP 23 (V,F) (Mrs E Williams) P Evans 8-4	J F Egan	90
9	(10)		FAR ATLANTIC (Mrs F McInnes Skinner) C Dwyer 8-4	K Fallon	–
10	(3)	355056	FIJION 10 (The Fijion Partnership) J Pearce 8-2	G Bardwell	93
11	(2)	0-50010	INDIRA 10 (G) (LM Racing) P Murphy 8-1	R Fitench (7)	94

BETTING: 5-2 Ballpoint, 7-2 Tart, 9-2 State Approval, 7-1 Clued Up, 8-1 Time For Tea, 12-1 others.

1995: FRESH LOOK 3-8-2 R Hills (6-1 fav) R Johnson Houghton 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALLPOINT beat Nelly's 'Cousin' 2¼l in 7-runner claimer at Epsom (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start, with CHOCOLATE ICE (16lb better off) about 7l 4th. TIME FOR TEA 2¼l 3rd of 9 to Minster Glory in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to soft). STATE APPROVAL beat Pearl Anniversary 9l in 9-runner apprentice jockeys' handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. TART 5¼l 3rd of 10 to Ground Game in handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, soft). IRISH SEA 4¼l 5th of 9 to Brockens Gold in claimer at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). FIJION 9¼l 5th of 16 to Risky Rose in selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: BALLPOINT

3.10 JOHN MUSKER FILLIES STAKES
(Listed race: £12,869: 1m 2f 21yd) (9 runners)

1	(2)	11666	SARDONIC 34 (D,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-11	A McGlone	97
2	(5)	3-135	ARRABA 26 (D,BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-7	L Dettori	89
3	(7)	1520	BALALAIKA 26 (F) (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-7	J Fortune	93
4	(3)	633215	BERENICE 10 (D,F) (Gestut Schlenderhan) G Wragg 3-8-7	M Hills	88
5	(6)	112-003	BINT SHADAYID 23 (F) (H Al Maktoum) Saeed bin Suroor 3-8-7	R Hills	98
6	(1)	420142	FLAME VALLEY 22 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-7	K Fallon	88
7	(4)	62-1	INCHYRE 22 (G) (A Oppenheimer) R Charlton 3-8-7	T Sprake	97
8	(9)	12P-45	PALOMA BAY 151 (G) (Mrs E Harris) M Bell 3-8-7	R Cochrane	75
9	(5)	5-413	YAMUNA 17 (BF,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-7	W Ryan	89

BETTING: 2-1 Bint Shadayid, 9-4 Annaba, 6-1 Yamuna, Flame Valley, 8-1 Balalaika, 10-1 Serdonic, 12-1 others.

1995: POPPY CAREW 3-8-6 J Quinn (4-1) P Harris 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANNABA 2¼l 3rd of 8 to Last Second in group II Vodafone Nassau Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with SARDONIC (4lb worse off) 3¼l 6th. BALALAIKA 2l 2nd of 5 to Shemozzle in listed race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. BERENICE about 7¼l 5th of 7 to Poppy Carew in conditions race at Kempton (1m 4f, good). BINT SHADAYID best effort this term 1½l and head 3rd of 13 to Bosra Sham in group I Pertemps 1000 Guineas Stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). FLAME VALLEY short-head 2nd of 11 to Hagwah in listed handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f, good). INCHYRE (nose off) 3¼l 6th. BALALAIKA 2l 2nd of 5 to Shemozzle in listed race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. BERENICE about 7¼l 5th of 7 to Poppy Carew in conditions race at Kempton (1m 4f, good). BINT SHADAYID best effort this term 1½l and head 3rd of 13 to Bosra Sham in group I Pertemps 1000 Guineas Stakes at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). FLAME VALLEY short-head 2nd of 11 to Hagwah in listed handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f, good). INCHYRE (nose off) 3¼l 6th. BALALAIKA 2l 2nd of 5 to Shemozzle in listed race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PALOMA BAY 11¾l 5th of 9 to Bosra Sham in group II Dubai Duty Free Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to soft). YAMUNA 3l 3rd of 11 to Wandering Star in listed race at Sandown (1m, good).
Selection: BINT SHADAYID (nap)

3.45 WILLIAM BULWER LONG MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,152: 5f 43yd) (6 runners)

1	(4)	2	SAHEEL 135 (BF) (Godolphin) Saeed bin Suroor 3-8-13	L Dettori	80
2	(2)	002026	SHAWISKY 10 (Mrs J Khan) P Howling 3-8-13	K Fallon	90
3	(1)	65-6	AMINGTON LASS 12 (M Higgins) P Evans 3-8-8	J F Egan	86
4	(6)	02-300	SMITHEREENS 68 (Mayor & Mrs Kennard) P Walwyn 3-8-8	R Cochrane	87
5	(3)		TIMELY TIMES (Timex of Wigan) C Dwyer 3-8-8	Jo Hunnam (7)	–
6	(5)	3-60	WOLLSTONECRAFT 10 (BF) (Ms R Hood) J Gosden 3-8-8	G Hind	69

BETTING: 2-1 Saheel, 5-2 Wollstonecraft, 3-1 Shawisky, 5-1 Amington Lass, 10-1 others.

1995: LIBERMANNAH 3-8-7 M Hills (14-1) H Thomson Jones 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAHEEL 12l 2nd of 12 to Watch Me in maiden at Salisbury (6f, good). SHAWISKY about 6¼l 6th of 19 to River Tern in maiden at Thirsk (6f, good to firm) with WOLLSTONE CRAFT 11½l 7th. Previously 3¼l 2nd of 6 to Failed To Hit in auction maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). AMINGTON LASS 9¼l 6th of 7 to Van Gurp in maiden at York (1m, good). SMITHEREENS best effort this term week end 6l 3rd of 16 to Alpine Twist in maiden at Warwick (7f, good to soft). WOLLSTONECRAFT about 6l 6th of 7 to Daring Destiny in conditions race at Newmarket (6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: SHAWISKY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	21	89	23.6	R Hills	33	152	21.7
H Cecil	21	91	23.1	L Dettori	26	132	19.7
L Cumani	15	77	19.5	W Ryan	24	138	17.4
J Eustace	6	32	18.8	M Hills	26	155	16.8
G Wragg	13	71	18.3	R Cochrane	15	94	16.0

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.15 BRIAN TAYLOR MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£5,440: 5f 43yd) (8 runners)

1	(8)	32-0013	PORTELET 6 (F,G) (Matthews Breeding and Racing) R Guest 4-9-11	P Bloomfield	88
2	(1)	6-04500	SWEET MAGIC 81 (G) (C Hammond) P Howling 5-9-10	F Norton	94
3	(5)	022000	SPENDER (D) (The Entrepreneurs) P Harris 7-9-4	G Hind	96
4	(6)	155000	SALLY SLADE 18 (F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-2	J Fortune	98
5	(2)	162041	LONGWICK LAD 8 (F) (Mrs M Wickham) W Mark 3-9-1 (7ex)	L Dettori	95
6	(7)	511006	CANOVAS HEART 22 (S,S) (M Osborne and Mrs J Woods) Bob Jones 7-9-0	N Day	97
7	(4)	032064	PREMIUM GIFT 34 (G) (A Lyons) C Booth 4-8-2	L Charnock	97
8	(3)	515132	PRIMULA BARNI 8 (B,G,S) (J Hanes) D Nicholls 6-7-12	Dale Gibson	98

BETTING: 9-4 Portelet, 7-2 Longwick Lad, 9-2 Canovas Heart, 5-1 Sweet Magic, 6-1 Premium Gift, 8-1 Primula Balm, 10-1 others.

1995: BE WARNED 4-8-9 Paul Eddery (5-1 fav) N Callaghan 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

PORTELET ½l and head 3rd of 8 to Tuscan Dawn in handicap at Epsom (5f, good to firm). SWEET MAGIC best recent effort about 1¼l 5th of 12 to Top Banana in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). SPENDER neck and short-head 3rd of 8 to Friendly Brave in handicap at Bath (5f 11yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. LONGWICK LAD best Nad's Bonanza ¾l in 16-runner handicap at Bath (5f 161yd, good to firm). CANOVAS HEART 4l 7th of 21 to Royal Dome in handicap at Haydock (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PREMIUM GIFT about 2¼l 4th of 10 to Brecongill Lad in handicap at Beverley (5f, good to firm). PRIMULA BARNI 5l 2nd of 12 to Palacegate Jack in claimer at Southwell (AW, 5f).
Selection: PORTELET

4.45 CAISTER SELLING STAKES
(£2,868: 7f 3yd) (20 runners)

1	(13)	330008	BEST KEPT SECRET 42 (V,F,G,S) (Tom Hill Comms) P Evans 5-9-0	Anthony Boad (7)	72
2	(7)	00-5040	DARK SHOT 10 (B,D,G) (Mrs V Wright) N Tinkler 4-9-0	Kim Tinkler	80
3	(3)	230500	HOW'S YER FATHER 14 (F,G,S) R Hodges 10-9-0	Amanda Sanders (5)	69
4	(12)	5-40400	KHATTAT 145 (D,G,S) (The New Window Factory) J A Harris 6-9-0	K Fallon	–
5	(11)	000/0-00	MASAI MAN 10 (Mrs M Fawcus) Miss J Bower 5-9-0	S D Williams	–
6	(5)	500004	MEDIATE 45 (B,D,F,G) (6 Tams) A Hide 4-9-0	W Ryan	72
7	(15)	000020	SPANISH STRIPPER 12 (F) (T Satchell) M Chapman 5-9-0	D R McCabe	86
8	(1)	005000	DUO MASTER 11 (F,Saudi) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-11	J Fortune	87
9	(17)	020040	ORIEL LAD 29 (B,D,F,S) (Kendall White & Co Ltd) P Evans 3-8-11	J F Egan	94
10	(6)	202420	UNCLE GEORGE 10U (V,C,F) (J Fuller) M Tompkins 3-8-11	R Day	88
11	(20)		WAHAB (T Woods) R Hannon 3-8-11	S D Williams	–
12	(16)	000/50R	VENUS VICTORIOUS 45 (S) (T Segrue) R Bastiman 5-8-9	R Perham	85
13	(4)	000400	FAIRFESTE 25 (V) (Bob Tallentire and Jim Cameron) D Morris 3-8-6	D Harrison	72
14	(9)	40	FRUTRIA 10 (R Kitching) C Murray 3-8-6	P Bloomfield	77
15	(19)	0-5650	GINAS GIRL 11 (Mrs M Fawcus) Miss J Bower 3-8-6	A McGlone	79
16	(2)	241462	LUCKY REVENGE 10 (D,BF,F) (S Bayless) M Meade 3-8-6	R Havlin (5)	98
17	(10)	4	MISS WALSH 22 (F) (P Gaccignee) C Booth 3-8-5	L Charnock	85
18	(18)	522000	MORNING SURPRISE 12 (G) (Mrs D Brazier) A Jarvis 3-8-5	C Carver (7)	86
19	(14)	400	NANNY-B 10 (L Sheridan) P Howling 3-8-5	F Norton	62
20	(8)	60006	SQUARE MILE MISS 25 (P Rowsell) P Howling 3-8-5	G Hind	70

BETTING: 9-2 How's Yer Father, 7-1 Uncle George, 8-1 Lucky Revenge, 10-1 Spanish Stripper, Oriel Lad, 12-1 Khattat, Brass Get, 14-1 others.

1995: FIRST GOLD 6-9-1 K Fallon (7-1) J Wharton 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOW'S YER FATHER 7½l 10th of 17 to Grand Cheparei in handicap at Pontefract (6f, good). KHATTAT 6½l 7th of 8 to Vratislav in handicap at Abu Dhabi (1m, good to firm) MEDIATE 7¼l 4th of 9 to Indian Rhapsody in seller at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with UNCLE GEORGE (2lb worse off) 16¼l 9th. SPANISH STRIPPER 2l 2nd of 11 to Sybian Princess in conditions race at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. UNCLE GEORGE neck 2nd of 12 to Northern Judge in claimer at Newmarket (7f, good) on penultimate start, with GINAS GIRL (6lb better off) about 8l 5th. LUCKY REVENGE 5¼l 6th of 8 to Bee Health Boy in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. MISS WALSH about 7l last of 4 to Lothlorien in maiden at Newcastle (1m, good).
Selection: UNCLE GEORGE

5.20 JACK LEADER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FILLIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,948: 7f 3yd) (8 runners)

1	(3)	011203	LUCKY OAKWOOD 11 (D,G) (Sporting Quest) M Bell 9-7	G Faulkner (5)	96
2	(7)	331	SCARLET CRESCENT 22 (D,G) (Mrs P Walwyn) P Walwyn 9-5	R Hills	92
3	(2)	522	MADAME CHINNERY 85 (The Chinnery Partnership) J Eustace 9-2	R Cochrane	89
4	(5)	400	ATTRIBUTE 12 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-2	T Sprake	95
5	(4)	123156	MISTY CAY 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Upsdell) S Dow 9-0	A Daly (5)	94
6	(6)	3351	CHAIN REACTION 23 (F) (Mrs G Jarvis) M Jarvis 9-0	P Bloomfield	97
7	(1)	314154	ABSTONE QUEEN 11 (V,C,D,F,G) (J Abbey) P Evans 8-7	J F Egan	98
8	(8)	044104	SINGFORYOURSUPPER 8 (S) (Mrs S Mann) G Margarson 7-13	G Bardwell	92

BETTING: 5-2 Chain Reaction, 3-1 Lucky Oakwood, 4-1 Scarlet Crescent, 5-1 Madame Chinnery, 7-1 Misty Cay, 8-1 Abstone Queen, 10-1 others.

1995: CONSORDINO 9-1 K Darley (6-1) L Cumani 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

LUCKY OAKWOOD 2l 3rd of 14 to Jeffrey Archibald in nursery at Kempton (6f, good). SCARLET CRESCENT best Pericles short-head in auction maiden at Warwick (7f, good). MADAME CHINNERY 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Enola in auction maiden at Warwick (7f, firm). ATTRIBUTE best effort this term about 2¼l 4th of 11 to Haasit in maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to firm). MISTY CAY best recent effort best Marsh Marigold 3¾l in claimer at Salisbury (7f, good). CHAIN REACTION best Bozita 1¼l in Brighton auction maiden (6f, good to firm). ABSTONE QUEEN about 1½l 4th of 19 to Commander James in Haydock claimer (6f, good). SINGFORYOURSUPPER 8 (S) (Mrs S Mann) G Margarson 7-13 ... G Bardwell 92
Selection: SCARLET CRESCENT

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Nottingham

Going: firm, good to firm in places

2.00 (2m 9yd) 1, BROUGHTONS FORMULA (J Quinn, 16-1); 2, Requested (D R McCabe, 10-1); 3, Iota (B Doyle, 14-1); 4, Zalika (Jo Hunnam, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Euphonic, 11-2 Alsaura, 6 Classic Affair, 8 Jalcantio, 10 Mizyan (6th), Prague Spring, 12 Kasanta, 14 Lucky Coin, 16 Atherton Green, Teen Jay, 20 Arc Bright, 25 Allenza (5th), Bobby's Dream, Set The Fashion, 33 Court Jester, 40 See Buck, 20 ran. 1½l, ½l, nk, hd, 4l W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £19.90: £3.60, £3.80. £3.30, £4.60. DF: £308.40. Trio: not won (pool of £536.44 carried forward to 5.35 at Sandown Park today). CSF: £190.55. Tricast: £2,191.61.

2.30 (1m 54yd) 1, HAPPY MINSTRAL (R Hills, 8-1); 2, Sword Arm (T Sprake, 3-1); 3, Over To You (K Fallon, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Rasmussen (5th), 6 Silver Patriarch (4th), 10 Dbis Jamboree (6th), 16 Beauchamp Lion, 25 Carrion Ron, Polar Flight. 9 ran. 1½l, 1¾l, 2l, nk, 1¼l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £9.00; £1.60, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £13.20. Trio: £53.00. CSF: £33.41.

3.00 (5f 13yd) 1, CRETAN GIFT (L Dettori, 7-2 fav); 2, Another Benchmorth (S Whitworth, 10-1), 3, Superbit (S Sanders, 7-1); 4, Commoneur (J Lowe, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Souperficial (6th), 9 Polly Golightly, 10 Stephensons Rocket, 11 Lloc, 12 Cooloowen Flash (5th), Hamilton Gold, Windrush Boy, 16 Serious Hurry, Welsh Mountain, 20 Silk Cottage, 25 Sotonian (HOL), 33 Deardaw, 50 Dazzle Me, Tutu Skyzyk. 18 ran. NR: Pleasure Time. 1¼l, nk, nk, 1l, sh hd N Littmoden at Wolverhampton. Tote: £4.80; £1.40, £4.00, £2.30, £4.40. DF: £34.40. Trio: £42.00. CSF: £41.94. Tricast: £241.26.

3.30 (6f 15yd) 1, MERRIE LE BOW (Amanda Sanders, 12-1); 2, Dorrinelle (M Birch, 13-2); 3, Formidable Liz (J Fortune, 8-1); 4, Another Nightmare (J McAuley, 5-1 fav) ALSO RAN: 8 L A Touch, 10 LaBiella, Whispered Melody (6th), 12 Branston Donni, Miss Aragon, Shrishi, 14 Ballard Lady, La Finale, 16 Rambold, Winsome Woodsie, 20 Calandrella, Deerly, Flinty Gertie, Marino Street (5th), Smiling Bess, Times Of Times, 25 Lady Silk, 33 Angel Face, Galacia. Time Clash 24 ran Sh hd, ¾l, nk, nk, 1¼l. Pat Mitchell at Newmarket. Tote: £18.80; £4.50, £2.70, £2.90. £1.60. DF: £56.50. Trio: £485.90. CSF: £104.15. Tricast: £684.98.

4.00 (6f 15yd) 1, HEAVENLY MISS (K Fallon, 8-1); 2, Aybeegirl (Martin Dwyer, 4-1 jt-fav); 3, Hit Or Miss (J Fortune, 12-1) ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Silent Valley, 5 Impy Fox (4th), 8 Circle Of Magic, Danehill Princess (5th), 10 Mirror Four Sport, Statuette, 12 Brettini, Dancing Star, Dozen Roses, 33 Oddsaway Girl (6th). 13 ran. NR: Life On The Street. 1½l, ¾l, sh hd, 1¾l. D Burchell at Ebbw Vale, Tote: £10.20; £2.40, £1.80, £3.60. DF: £31.00. Trio: £99.60. CSF: £44.69. Tricast: £693.14.

4.30 (6f 15yd) 1, TELEMANIA (Dane O'Neill, 15-2); 2, The Gay Fox (R Cochrane, 6-4 fav); 3, Mayflower (K Darley, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Seva, 10 Five-O-Fifty, Restless Spirit (4th), 12 In Your Dreams, 14 Cirmenan, Forgotten Times (6th), 20 Al Maaroor (5th), Belly Soups, Two Bits, 33 Jade's Gem, Kanawa, Mango Park. 15 ran. NR: Tenash. ¾l, ¾l, 1l, 3l, 3½l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £14.90; £3.40, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £15.40. Trio: £23.00. CSF: £20.99.

5.00 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, LADY OF LEISURE (K Darley, 11-4 jt-fav), 2, George Bull (T Sprake, 3-1), 3, Alon Alwan (J Tate, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 jt-fav Lady Bankes (5th), 5 Rival Bid (4th), 8 Lia Pedigo (6th), 25 Saltando, 40 Lomond Lassie. 8 ran. 1½l, 4l, 1½l, 2½l, 4l. Mrs J Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.70. £2.40, £1.10. DF: £6.00. CSF: £12.47.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £17,797.08 carried forward to Sandown Park today).

Placepot: £952.60. Quadpot: £8.80.

Fontwell Park

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.15 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, The Legions Pride (J Osborne, 100-30); 2, How Could I (5-1), 3, Yellow Dragon (6-1). Venulam 3-1 fav (l) 10 ran Nk, 9, J Hills. Tote: £4.30; £1.30, £1.20, £2.20. DF: £12.40. Trio: £42.90. CSF: £19.55.

2.45 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, Nahrawalil (A P McCoy, 9-4 fav), 2, Credit Controller (11-1), 3, Miramare (11-2). 10 ran. 12l, 7l, A Moore. Tote: £3.20; £1.90, £1.20, £2.30. DF: £21.90. Trio: £73.70. CSF: £25.54. Tricast: £114.57.

3.15 (2m 3f ch) 1, Manamour (C Llewellyn, 7-2); 2, Drumclick (5-2), Henley Wood (8-11 fav (un) 4 ran. Only 2 finished. 10l. R Lee. Tote: £4.30. DF: £3.80. CSF: £11.29.

3.45 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Kalasadi (J Culloty, 6-1); 2, Circus Colours (5-2); 3, Cabochon (16-1). Hostile Witness 7-4 fav (pu) 6 ran. 20l, dist. V Soane. Tote: £8.80; £3.30, £1.70. DF: £10.90. CSF: £19.82.

4.15 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Frozen Drop (S Fox, 9-4); 2, Distant Memory (11-8 fav); 3, L'Uomo Piu (10-1) 6 ran. 5l, 7l. P Ritchens. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.50.

4.45 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Supreme Star (M Richards, 4-6 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Lawbuster (50-1); 3, Scamallach (3-1). 5 ran. 1¼l, 6l. P Hedger. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £5.80. DF: £21.50. CSF: £16.86.

Placepot: £397.20. Quadpot: £25.40.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

The draw invariably has a strong effect on the outcome of the Ayr Gold Cup. The Silver Cup, run an hour before the main event, will help punters on the day, but by the time that race has been run, the bookmakers will have adjusted the prices dramatically. With both Hills and Ladbrokes retaining stands on non-runners, those wishing to find value should look to bet now.

With doubts over the participation of Fergal O'Brien's Coastal Bluff because of the Stewards' Cup, Coastal Bluff has been given as favourite in the Ladbrokes (Ayr) Gold Cup, giving the Stewards' Cup winner a penalty. Coastal Bluff has put up 13lb by the handicapper for his win in the Stewards' Cup and is not suited by Ayr's stiff track. Double Bounce has been given a mark of 104 after his win in the Ayr Silver Cup. Double Bounce has been campaigned over sprint trips this season, mainly at Haydock, and has the weights when sixth to Sovereign Debt in the Nunthorpe. For This Present was fifth to Bahamian Bounty at Goodwood last week. He finished sixth behind Bahamian Bounty in the Portland at Doncaster on his previous start and has solid prospects of improving on that form on 7lb better terms.

However, the best bet at this stage is Richard Hannon's improving three-year-old filly Wildwood Flower. She has gone from strength to strength this season, beating Sarrawi at Goodwood on her most recent start. That form is rock-solid, and she has been raised a fair 6lb for Saturday's race. At 12-1, WILDWOOD FLOWER is worth an each-way wager.

LADBROKES (AYR) GOLD CUP
Ayr, September 21

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Sarraw	25-1	7-1	8-1	9-1
Coastal Bluff	8-1	6-1	6-1	6-1
Double Bounce	12-1	10-1	10-1	10-1
Mistral Season	10-1	14-1	10-1	16-1
Bobbie Splendour	12-1	14-1	10-1	14-1
Wildwood Flower	12-1	12-1	10-1	12-1
Sallustian's Flyer	14-1	14-1	12-1	12-1
Dont Care	20-1	16-1	14-1	20-1
Tedburrow	16-1	20-1	14-1	16-1
For The Present	20-1	20-1	14-1	16-1
Sea-Deer	16-1	25-1	20-1	25-1
Prince Baber	20-1	20-1	14-1	25-1
Lago Di Varano	20-1	25-1	20-1	20-1
Bollin Joanne	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 Hype Energy. 2.50 Fiji. 3.25 Rakis. 4.00 Cinema Paradiso. 4.30 Tarneem. 5.00 Lord High Admiral. 5.35 Atlantic Mist.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 BLESSED SPIRIT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 FIJI (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 SEPTEMBER MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,404: 5f 6yd) (14 runners)

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RUGBY UNION

English clubs give assurances on Heineken Cup

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE representatives of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) are engaged in what will surely be the final round of talks in their long-running dispute this week, there were some signs of a *rapprochement* on other fronts yesterday.

There has been a verbal assurance that English clubs will take part in the Heineken Cup this autumn, although European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC), the organisation responsible for running the tournament, awaits written confirmation about the extent of the involvement — whether it is for this season only or next season too. ITV is aware that the clubs formed their own European federation last week, which would seek a significant involvement in the running of future European competitions.

Tom Kiernan and Vernon Pugh, from ERC, and representatives of ITV met in London yesterday. ITV has been increasingly unhappy about the scheduling of a tournament with which it has been involved from the first, having agreed a three-year deal — also involving Heineken — worth £20 million to clubs from the competing countries. That money has become increasingly relevant to clubs desperate for resources.

ITV, which is due to televise the World Cup in 1999, would be loath to withdraw from the sport, but its anxiety is understandable. The domestic programme this season is a complete mishmash badly in need of reorganisation.

So far this season, England has enjoyed club rugby of variety and a quality unrivalled, and not only in the first division. There are signs that the spirit of adventure has percolated downwards. Newbury, of the fourth division, lured more than 100 supporters to their Pilkington Cup first-round tie at Bridgwater last weekend. It may be small beer by the inflated standards of others, but represents solid progress from the dozen or so who went with them on their cup travels a year ago.

Yet, after the first weekend in October, the first division goes to sleep for three weeks, pitches up again in mid-November and then again at the start and finish of December.

European and representative rugby fill the gaps, but they will not fill the grounds of the professionalised clubs, nor satisfy the interests of spectators who, having tasted the "new rugby" in September, would like to sustain it on a regular basis. European rugby breaks up the Welsh League, too, though Cardiff may be grateful for any kind of intervention.

Heineken Cup finalists last season, Cardiff have been wretchedly out of sorts this month and have won only once in four league starts. Hence their *cri de coeur* to their former director of rugby, Alex Evans, in Australia, asking him to consider returning to the club.

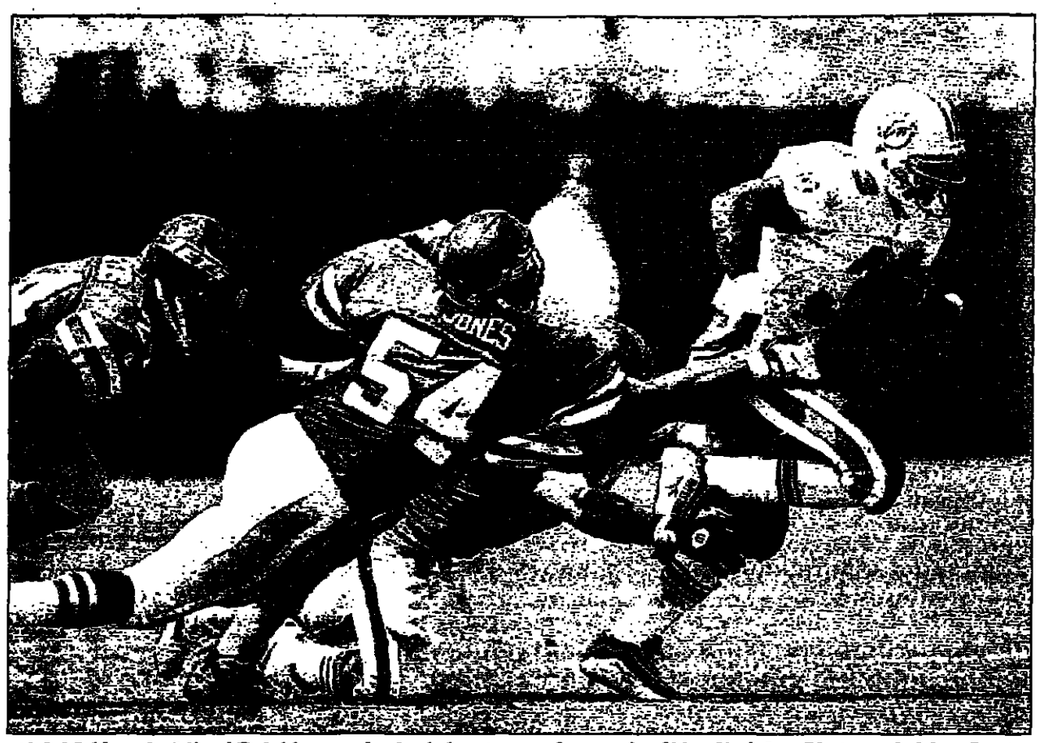
"Cardiff is such a big club and there are so many developments going on in the game that we need someone to pull all the strands together," Gareth Davies, the Cardiff chief executive, said.

The Pilkington Cup second-round draw yesterday paired Newbury with Gloucester Old Boys, the team that they pipped for promotion last season on points difference. Ambitious Worcester must make the short trip down the M5 to Cheltenham.

PILKINGTON CUP: Second-round draw: London and South West: Barnstaple v Plymouth Albion; Gloucester OB v Newbury; Norwich v Esher; Bishop's Stortford v Metropolitan Police; Staines v Henley; Haywards Heath v Bracknell; Askeans v Swanage and Wareham; Weston-super-Mare v High Wycombe. North and Midlands: Manchester v Wigton, New Brighton v Preston Grasshoppers, Winnington Park v Aspatria, Widnes v Birmingham/Solihull; Cheltenham v Worcester; Bridlington v Blaydon; Sheffield v Kendal, Sandal v Tynedale.
☐ *Matches to be played on October 12*

Inspired Favre sends the doubters packing

BY OLIVER HOLT



Abdul-Jabbar, the Miami Dolphins running back, bursts away from a trio of New York Jets. Photograph: Marc Serota

HE WAS voted the best player in the National Football League last year but, when the new season started last month, a maelstrom of doubt swirled around the head of Brett Favre, the rugged quarterback of Green Bay Packers. Three weeks on, with the Packers steamrollering everything in their path, the doubts are gone.

Ten days after Favre had been named the league's Most Valuable Player last January, he led the Packers into the National Football Conference championship game against Dallas Cowboys and watched in dismay as they succumbed to "America's Team" as the Super Bowl beckoned. Several weeks later, after he was taken to hospital with a seizure, he admitted he was addicted to the painkiller, Vicodin.

Observers wondered aloud whether Favre would be the same this year, whether he could continue to have the same shattering impact on opposition defenses, even though he is no longer hooked on Vicodin. Well, on Sunday, Favre threw three more touchdown passes as the Packers crushed San Diego Chargers 42-10 at Lambeau Field. He leads the league in that capacity and the Packers have won their first three games of the season for the first time for 14 years.

With the Cowboys faltering — they squandered a 21-3 second-quarter lead at home to Indianapolis Colts at the weekend — the Packers are hot favourites to be the National Football Conference representatives in the Super Bowl in New Orleans in January, where most experts are tipping them to face Kansas City Chiefs.

"I've got so much driving me," Favre said. "When I won the MVP award, the thrill lasted about a week and a half — until we lost to the Cowboys. Now, I just want to prove everyone wrong who thinks I'm some drug addict. I have one thing to say to people expecting me to fail: go ahead, bet against me."

People are, though, beginning to bet against the Cowboys, the team that the United States loves to hate. Despite a fumble return for a touchdown from the extrovert "Neon" Deion Sanders, they lost for the second time in their opening three games.

The Dallas kicker, Chris Boniol, missed two chances to clinch the match late in the fourth quarter. His first effort, from 40 yards, bounced off the goalpost, his second, from 56 yards, rebounded off the crossbar.

The Colts, who have also won their first three games after their surprise successes last season, capitalised on Boniol's profligacy by driving the ball to the Cowboys' 25-yard line before allowing Cary Blanchard to kick his fourth field goal of the game and squeeze to a 25-24 victory. It was the Colts' first victory over Dallas for 26 years.

One of the Cowboys' favourite sons, their former coach, Jimmy Johnson, continued working his magic on his new team, Miami Dolphins, who beat New York Jets 36-27 to maintain their 100 per cent record.

Karim Abdul-Jabbar, the Dolphins' rookie running back, who is fast becoming one of the sensations of the season, carried for 124 yards but allowed Dan Marino, the quarterback, a taste of the action again, too. Marino's role has been marginalised by Johnson's preference for the running game, but he threw three touchdown passes on Sunday to ensure the Jets remained without a win.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Minnesota 20 Chicago 14. Cincinnati 30 New Orleans 15; Green Bay 42 San Diego 10; Houston 29 Baltimore 13; Miami 36 NY Jets 27; New England 51 Arizona 0; Philadelphia 24 Detroit 17; Indianapolis 25 Dallas 24; Washington 31 NY Giants 10; Oakland 17 Jacksonville 3; Kansas City 35 Seattle 17. Denver 27 Tampa Bay 23

American Conference

Eastern division

	W	L	PF	PA
Indianapolis	3	0	86	44
Miami	3	0	98	47
Buffalo	2	0	40	30
New England	1	2	51	41
NY Jets	0	3	40	88

Central division

Houston	2	1	82	60
Pittsburgh	1	1	40	41
Baltimore	1	2	49	74
Cincinnati	1	2	60	68
Jacksonville	1	2	54	60

Western division

Denver	3	0	86	49
Kansas City	3	0	74	39
San Diego	2	1	66	63
Oakland	1	2	34	41
Seattle	0	3	44	94

National Conference

Eastern division

	W	L	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	1	54	70
Washington	2	1	55	30
Dallas	1	2	57	47
Arizona	0	3	23	89
NY Giants	0	3	30	81

Central division

Green Bay	3	0	115	26
Minnesota	3	0	60	44
Chicago	1	2	39	36
Detroit	1	2	51	47
Tampa Bay	0	3	32	82

Western division

Carolina	2	0	51	28
San Francisco	2	0	61	11
St Louis	1	1	26	50
Atlanta	0	2	23	52
New Orleans	0	3	46	79

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 9 Chicago 8; Oakland 10 Cleveland 9 (10 innings). Toronto 3 New York 1; Baltimore 16 Detroit 6, Seattle 7 Minnesota 0; Texas 6 Milwaukee 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 4 Montreal 3; Atlanta 3 New York 2; Pittsburgh 4 San Francisco 0 (first match); Pittsburgh 11 San Francisco 9 (second match), Colorado 11 Houston 4; Los Angeles 6 St Louis 5 San Diego 8 Cincinnati 0, Philadelphia 6 Chicago 1

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chesser 94 Hemel 68, Newcastle 98 Worthing 84 (after overtime); Sheffield 76 Manchester 66; London 101 Derby 84, Birmingham 80 Leopards 82 (after overtime).

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Ninth stage (160km, Jerez to Cordoba) 1, N Minali (Italy) Gewiss 5hr 4mn 52sec; 2, M Wust (Ger, MX Onda); 3, T Steels (Bel, Mapei); 4, G Lombardi (It, Polti); 5, G Citterio (It, AKI); 6, S Smetanin (Russ, Santa Clara) all same time. Overall positions: 1, F Baldato (It, MG) 41 hr 34mn 49sec; 2, Lombardi at 20sec; 3, L Jalabert (France) ONCE at 21, 4, J Werner (Ger, Telekomi at 39; 5, L Pavarella (It, AKI) at 46; 6, S Faustini (It, AKI 53) same time

EQUESTRIANISM

GATCOMBE PARK HORSE TRIALS: Double Point Open Intermediate: 1, Gershwin (A Hoy) 25pts, 2, Darren Powers (A Hoy) 32; 3, Aspyring (Blyth Tan) 32. Advanced intermediate: 1, Sancerre (M Corbett) 32; 2, Gildenstern (I Moore) 36, 3, Chinook (T Sedgemoln) 36

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Sampdoria 2 AC Milan 1.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Compostela 1 Logrones 2; Real Sociedad 1 Sporting Gijón 1, Racing Santander 1 Barcelona 1; Español 1 Real Valladolid 0; Real Oviedo 2 Athletic Bilbao 0; Hercules Alicante 0 Celta Vigo 2. Atlético Madrid 0 Deportivo La Coruña 2; Tenerife 0 Sevilla 2

FRENCH LEAGUE: Cannes 0 Paris Saint-Germain 1.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Dortmund 1 VfB Stuttgart 1; Karlsruhe 1 Duisburg 0; Schalke 04 1 Bayern Munich 1, Arminia Bielefeld 0 Bayer Leverkusen 1; 1860 Munich 4 SC Freiburg 0, FC Cologne 4 Borussia Mönchengladbach 0; SV Hamburg 3 FC St Pauli 0

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Maritimo 2 Estrela Amadora 0; Benfica 5 Vitoria Setubal 1, FC Porto 2 Chaves 0; Guimaraes 3 Uniao Leiria 0; Belenenses 0 Espinho 0; Leca 3 Salgueiros 1, Braga 4 Gil Vicente 1

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Union 1 Newell's Old Boys 2, Gimnasia de Jujuy 2 Estudiantes 0, Rosario Central 0 Colon 0, Platense 0 Lanus 0; Boca Juniors 1 San Lorenzo 1; Deportivo Español 1 Huracan de Corrientes 0; Huracan 2 River Plate 3; Gimnasia y Esgrima 1 Velez Sarsfield 1, Independiente 2 Racing Club 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Botafogo 0 Flamengo 2; Vasco da Gama 4 Vitoria 1, Palmeiras 4 Juventude 2, Internacional 1 São Paulo 0; Portuguesa 2 Atletico Parana 0, Goias 2 Santos 0, Guarani 2 Coritiba 0; Parana 0 Gremio 0; Atletico MG 3 Cruzeiro 0, Bragantino 2 Corinthians 3; Bahia 1 Cruzeiro 2; Sport 6 Fluminense 0

GOLF

GAINESVILLE, Virginia: Presidents Cup: United States beat International team 16½-15½. Singles: M Brooks lost to Craig Parry 5 and 4; K Perry lost to D Frost 7 and 6, D Duval bt P Senior 3 and 2; S Stricker bt R Allenby 6 and 5, M O'Meara (US) bt N Price 1 up; D Love III bt M Ozaki 5 and 4, S Hoch bt M McNulty 1 up; P Mickelson lost to E Els 3 and 2; J Leonard lost to S Elkington 1 up; T Lehman lost to F Nobilo 3 and 2; C Pavin lost to G Norman 3 and 1, F Couples bt V Singh 2 and 1

COAL VALLEY, Illinois: Quad City Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 268: E Fiori 66, 68, 67, 67 270: A Magee 69, 70, 69, 62 271: C Perry 68, 70, 67, 66; S Jones 68, 68, 67, 68 272: J Maggert 67, 68, 73, 64; H Royer III 71, 68, 65, 68; P Stockman 69, 71, 65, 67, T Woods 69, 64, 67, 72 274: L Roberts 69, 70, 69, 66; J Sluman 69, 69, 69, 67; B Tennyson 72, 67, 67, 68, M Springer 69, 72, 65, 68; G Wall 68, 70, 67, 69

KENT, Washington: LPGA tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 277: K Webb (Aus) 66, 71, 71, 69 279: P Sheehan 65, 72, 70, 72, 280: B Mucha 72, 70, 68, 70, T Green 71, 64, 69, 76 281: V Skinner 69, 68, 70, 74 282: P Hurst 71, 71, 70, 70; A Fruhwirth 70, 70, 71, 71; K Hughes 69, 71, 71, 71 283: W Ward 74, 71, 66, 69, D Richard (Can) 70, 72, 68, 73 Other scores: 284: L Neumann (Swe) 71, 71, 69, 73, 285: A Sorenstam (Swe) 77, 66, 68, 74, 287: J Stephenson (Aus) 70, 72, 69, 76 288: C Nilsmark (Swe) 71, 80, 73, 75 289: C Pierce (GB) 68, 71, 72, 78

LEXINGTON, Kentucky: Bank One Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 207: M Hill 70, 69, 68 208: I Aoki (Japan) 67, 75, 66; G Gilbert 69, 71, 68, 209: D Hendrickson 70, 73, 66; J C Snead 71, 72, 66; J Wilkinson 66, 73, 70 Other scores: J Jacobs (GB) 73, 71, 66 214: D Graham (Aus) 71, 73, 70 216: G Player (SA) 74, 70, 72, 217: A Jacklin (GB) 70, 73, 74 223: S Hobday (SA) 72, 78, 73.

HOCKEY

LISBURN: Three-nations tournament: Ireland 1 Scotland 0 Final positions: 1, Ireland 4pts; 2, Scotland 3; 3, Wales 1

PADDINGTON: Hampstead and Westminster challenge: Final: East Grinstead 4 Guildford 1.

OSTERLEY: Indian Gymkhana tournament: Final: Southgate 6 Holywood's 87 2.

EAST WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Bedeyheath 1 Ashford 2; Bury St Edmunds 5 Ipswich XI 3, Cambridge City 0 Sevenoaks 0; Harlesden Magpies 2 WGC 2

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON & HEDGES CUP: Group A: Ayr 4 Newcastle 4; Kingston 9 Telford 4 Group B: Manchester 2 Cardiff 5; Slough 3 Swindon 3. Group C: Peterborough 2 Sheffield 13; Solihull 7 Nottingham 7. Group D: Bracknell 3 Basingstoke 5; Guildford 9 Medway 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Paisley 5 Fife 3; Whitley Bay 12 Dumfries 9; Blackburn 6 Castlereagh 4

TORONTO: World Cup: Canada 2 United States 5

MOTOR RALLYING

PERTH: Rally Australia: Leading final positions: 1, T Makinen (Fin, Mitsubishi Lancer) 4hr 8mn 50sec; 2, K Eriksson (Swe, Subaru Impreza) 4'10 07; 3, C Sainz (Sp, Ford Escort Cosworth) 4 10 11. 4, C McRae (GB, Subaru Impreza) 4'12 01; 5, R Burns (GB, Mitsubishi Lancer) 4'12.15; 6, B Thiry (Bel, Ford Escort Cosworth) 4'17 38. World championship positions: Drivers: 1, Makinen 115pts, 2, Sainz 74; 3, Eriksson 66, 4, McRae 52; 5, P Liatti (It, Subaru Impreza) 41 Manufacturers: 1, Mitsubishi 293; 2, Subaru 284; 3, Ford 220

POWERBOATING

BELGRADE: Formula Three: Yugoslav Grand Prix: 1, R Mihaldinecz 20pts, 2, G Straeter (Holl) 17; 3, R Stoddard (GB) 15; 4, R van der Sous (Holl) 13, 5, I Andrews (GB) 11 World championship positions: 1, R Mihaldinecz 140pts. 2, Andrews 83; 3, S Hill (GB) 81; 4, K McCrone 69; 5, G Straeter 67; 6, Van der Sous 58

REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAU: European Open: Group matches: Group one: M Gooding (GB) bt J Howell (GB) 6-4, 6-3; Gooding bt N Pendrigh (GB) 6-0, 6-3; Gooding bt N Wood (GB) 1-8, 6-2, 6-1; J Howell bt N Wood 0-6, 6-3, 6-5. Qualifiers: M Gooding and J Howell. Group two: C Bray (GB) bt L Deuchar (Aus) 6-5, 6-4

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SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Asian Classic: Final: R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt B Morgan (Wales) 9-8.

SPEEDWAY

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday September 21

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 A Villa v Man Utd	1
2 Blackburn v Everton	1
3 Leeds v Newcastle	2
4 Liverpool v Chelsea	X
5 Middlesbro v Arsenal	1
6 Nott'm F v West Ham	1
7 Sheff W v Derby	1
8 Sunderland v Coventry	2

FIRST DIVISION

9 Bradford v Bolton	2
10 Grimsby v Oxford	X
11 Man City v Birm'gham	2
12 Oldham v Barnsley	2
13 Porm'th v Norwich	X
14 QPR v Swindon	1
15 Reading v C Palace	2
16 Southend v P Vale	1
17 Tranmere v W Brom	1
18 Wolves v Sheff Utd	1

SECOND DIVISION

19 Blackpool v Shr'sbury	1
20 Bourn'm'th v Notts Co	1
21 Bristol C v Walsall	X
22 Bury v Luton	X
23 Chest'f'd v Burnley	2
24 Gillingham v Rthrm	1
25 Millwall v Crewe	X
26 Plymouth v Bristol R	1
27 Watford v Peterboro	1
28 Wrexham v Preston	X
29 Wycombe v Brentford	2
30 York v Stockport	2

THIRD DIVISION

31 Barnet v Exeter	1
32 Brighton v Torquay	1
33 Cam'ge U v Scarboro	X
34 Cardiff v North'pton	1
35 Carlisle v Darlington	X
36 Chester v Scunthorpe	1
37 Doncaster v Swansea	1
38 Fulham v Mansfield	1
39 Hereford v Rochdale	2

SCOTTISH PREMIER

40 Aberdeen v Hibernian	1
41 Celtic v Dunfermline	1
42 Hearts v Motherwell	1
43 Kilmarnock v Rangers	2
44 Raith v Dundee U	X

SCOTTISH FIRST

45 Airdrie v Partick	1
46 Clydebank v S J'stone	2
47 Dundee v East Fife	1
48 St Mirren v Falkirk	X
49 Stirling v G Morton	2

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CRICKET: DEVASTATING SPELL OF FAST BOWLING ENSURES KENT'S CHALLENGE WILL GO TO THE LAST

McCague quickens pulse of title pursuers

BY PAT GIBSON

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Kent (24pts) beat Hampshire (5) by 148 runs

THE St Lawrence Ground has never seen anything quite like it. Martin McCague pulled his shirt over his head like an Italian footballer who had just scored a goal and, far from censuring him, Robin Baker White, president of Kent and a former high sheriff of the county to boot, pounced out to the middle to applaud him from the field.

Even E. W. Swanton seemed to turn a blind eye to such lack of decorum on the hallowed turf after McCague had taken five wickets for three runs in 17 balls, including a hat-trick, to keep alive Kent's hopes of winning the county championship with what his captain, Steve Marsh, described as "probably the best spell of fast bowling I have ever seen".

Forty-five minutes after lunch, Hampshire, needing 299 to win and consign Kent to a place among the also-rans, were cruising at 143 for one. Forty-two minutes later they were all out for 150, having lost eight wickets in 44 balls with their captain, John Stephenson, unable to bat because of a broken hand.

"It was quite extraordinary," Marsh said. "At lunchtime we were up against it on a wicket that stayed pretty flat throughout and needed a super-human effort from one of our bowlers. Fortunately for us, Martin produced it. He bowled with sheer pace — as wicketkeeper I had to stand about four yards further back — put the ball in the right place and got his due reward."

McCague had started the day well enough by claiming Laney leg-before in his third over, but he looked as innocuous as the rest of the Kent bowlers when White and Whitaker were sharing a second-wicket partnership of 118 in 36 overs.

Not so long ago, McCague might have thrown in the towel, but he has learnt from the bitter experience of being banished from the England team that fast bowlers have to keep going and now he has summoned up fresh reserves of energy to change the course of the match, and, perhaps, even at this late stage, the championship.

First he beat Whitaker for pace after the left-hander had batted for almost 2½ hours for his 53 and then he had Smith, whose wicket Kent wanted most, caught behind. In his next over, McCague found the perfect length to induce Kendall and Aymes to edge to second and first slip respectively and finally he put the ball in the blockhole to pin Mascarenhas leg-before and complete Kent's second hat-trick of the match.

Such feats are old hat to Headley, who did it for the third time this season in Hampshire's first innings, but it was not him but Fleming who conducted the final rites. He could not manage three in a row but he did his best, removing White, who had batted through 46 overs for his 66, Maru and Bovill in the space of six balls.

Kent had won an incredible victory that leaves them 15 points behind the leaders as they go into their final match against Gloucestershire at Bristol on Thursday. "All we can do now is win our game and hope that Middlesex can stop Leicestershire from winning theirs and Surrey do not take maximum points," Marsh said. "I remember Middlesex doing it to us at Lord's in 1988, when we lost the championship by a point, so maybe they can do us a favour this time."

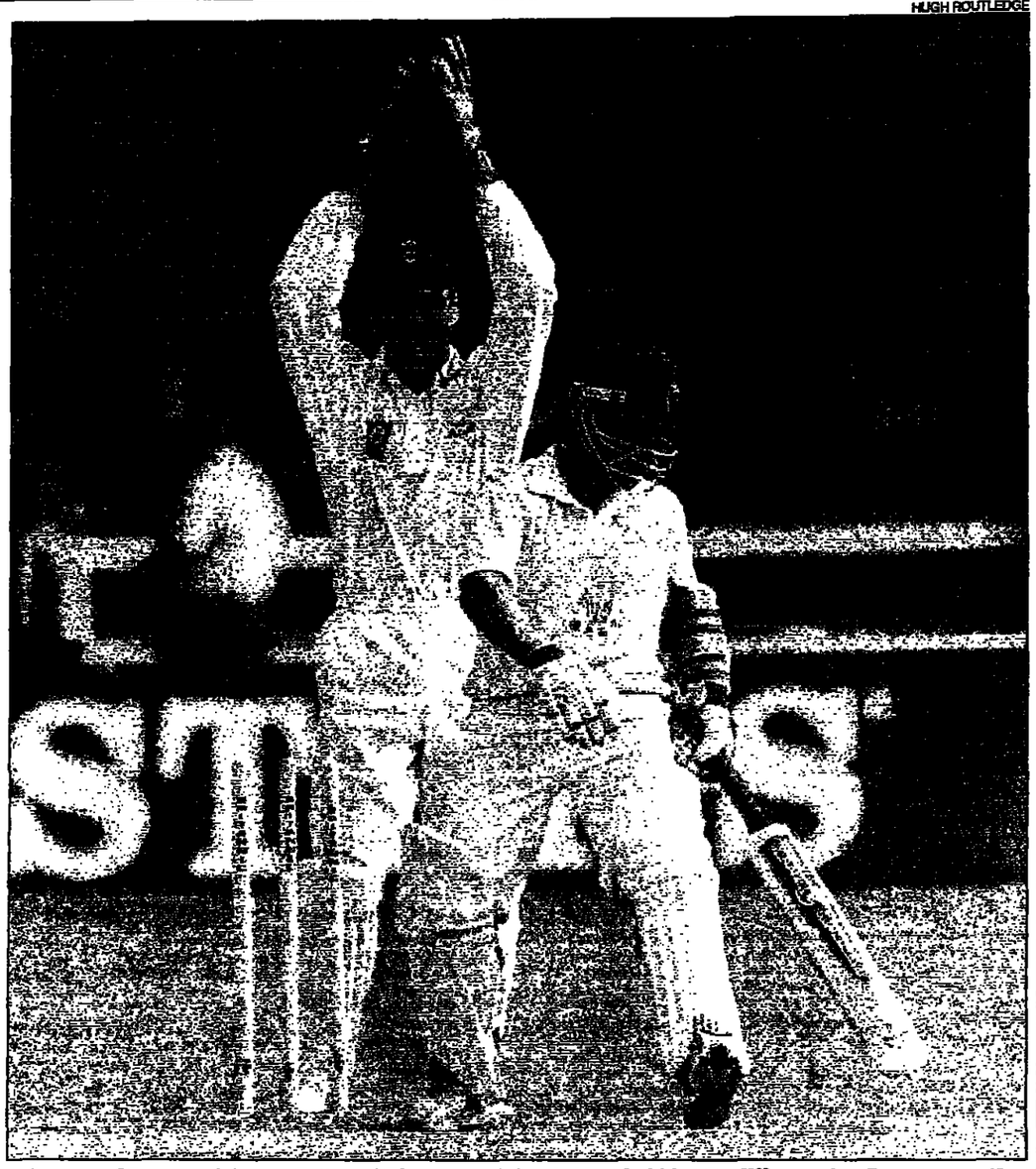
As for McCague, who has taken 72 wickets this season, Marsh said: "He has had his problems in the past but to come back with the vigour and will to succeed that he has shown and still not even be mentioned for any of the England tours is quite staggering. I feel very sorry for him."

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Leics (7)	16	9	1	6	53	57	272
Surrey (12)	16	8	1	7	49	60	258
Kent (18)	16	9	1	6	47	48	257
Essex (5)	16	8	4	4	54	55	249
Derbyshire (14)	16	8	3	5	50	54	247
Yorkshire (8)	16	8	5	3	46	54	237
Warwicks (1)	16	7	6	3	35	53	209
Middlesex (2)	16	7	5	4	30	55	209
Worcs (10)	16	5	4	7	41	60	202
Sussex (15)	16	6	8	2	36	54	192
Glamorgan (16)	16	5	5	6	46	39	183
Somerset (9)	16	4	6	6	34	57	173
Hampshire (13)	16	3	7	6	37	55	158
Gloucs (6)	16	4	7	5	22	55	156
Northants (3)	16	3	8	5	35	55	153
Lancashire (4)	16	2	6	8	45	48	149
Notts (11)	16	1	9	6	38	51	123
Durham (17)	16	0	11	5	22	56	93

(Last season's positions in brackets)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Stewart, of Surrey, rejoices as Cottey, of Glamorgan, is bowled by Shahid at Cardiff yesterday. Report: page 48

Essex yield to Salisbury's spin

BY IVO TENNANT

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Sussex (24pts) beat Essex (8) by 137 runs

MATHEMATICALLY, if not in stark reality, Essex can yet become county champions. A wash-out at Grace Road, 24 points at Chelmsford in their final match against Glamorgan, and the pennant could be theirs. Alas, after succumbing to the leg spin of Ian Salisbury, what remains to be resolved is their placing in the table and the commensurate prize-money that is involved.

Salisbury, who is not deemed worthy of inclusion on either of England's winter tours, gained career-best figures of eight for 75. On a pitch that had taken only a modicum of spin over the first three days, he turned the ball sufficiently to disconcert every batsman to whom he bowled, Gooch and Law included. One, or other, had to make a score of note if Essex were to win this match, and he snaffled both their wickets.

Wells, who had left Essex to make 421 off a minimum of 71 overs, was only too aware that whatever the target, they had no option but to go for it. In retrospect, though, their chances of winning the championship were ended not here but at Headingley at the end of last month. They had a better opportunity of beating Yorkshire then than of winning on this occasion, not least because Drakes, who had made a century overnight, added a further 82 runs with Phillips yesterday.

Not that making more than 400 has been beyond Essex in the past. The difference now was that Gooch did not score a century, although for as long as he was at the wicket he appeared as if he would. His opening partnership of 60 with Grayson came off 8½ overs, including no shortage of superlative strokes.

When Grayson went, caught behind off one that Drakes swung away, Hussain came in and drove Phillips over the Tom Pearce stand and into the river. Essex had scored a hundred after a mere 14 overs, but their achievements thereafter were strictly parochial. Only Rollins, who made 59, the highest score of the innings, looked to hit Salisbury off his length.

The key wicket was, of course, that of Gooch, who, looking to paddle Salisbury to fine leg, top-edged and was caught by Wells running round from slip to leg slip. Hussain was taken at the wicket, driving freely, and Law, who had begun with a straight six, was bowled playing back to one that turned.

Three balls later, Irani was taken at slip off one that Salisbury managed to turn and bounce. Prichard was bowled looking to sweep Phillips, evidently still intent on victory. At 167 for six — three wickets fell at that score — it was clearly not feasible.

Ilott was caught at cover off a leading edge, Rollins was held at deep mid-on and Cowan and Andrew close to the bat. Salisbury had bowled with control and craftsmanship, which was not the case when he played for England last month. He has found that pitches at Test grounds do not provide so much turn — although that may not prevent him from playing much of his county cricket on one next summer.

Hick's century puts him back in the swing

GRAEME HICK scored 106, the ninetieth first-class century of his career, but his first since being dropped from the Test team at the start of August, to help Worcestershire to beat Gloucestershire by five wickets at New Road (Marcus Williams writes).

They reached a target of 308 with more than seven overs to spare after Hick and Philip Weston (89) had shared a second-wicket partnership of 201. Earlier, Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, increased his match return to a career-best 13 for 159.

Mark Ramprakash, another talented batsman out of favour with England, scored 110 and Paul Weekes 160, his second hundred of the match, against Somerset at Uxbridge, but Middlesex's pursuit of a formidable 394 off 84 overs eventually fell away.

Robert Bailey led from the front with an unbeaten 92 to shepherd Northamptonshire to a nine-wicket victory over Lancashire.

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Sussex

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Sussex (24pts) beat Essex (8) by 137 runs

SUSSEX: First Innings 363 (A P Wells 122, I D K Salisbury 70, N J Lenham 55)

Second Innings

N J Lenham c Such b Andrew	44
C W J Athey c Hussain b Law	74
K Greenfield lbw b Law	37
*A P Wells lbw b Such	46
K Newell c Cowan b Law	0
V C Drakes not out	145
†P Moores b Such	4
I D K Salisbury b Such	5
D R Law c Hussain b Such	0
N C Phillips not out	40
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 8)	22
Total (8 wkts dec)	417

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-154, 3-165, 4-169, 5-281, 6-289, 7-298, 8-327

BOWLING: Cowan 13.5-2-30-0; Such 49-11-149-4; Ilott 13-1-38-0; Irani 15-2-47-0; Andrew 5-2-14-1; Grayson 8-3-12-0; Law 25-4-113-3

ESSEX: First Innings 360 (G A Gooch 82, S G Law 64; R J Kirtley 4 for 94)

Second Innings

G A Gooch c Wells b Salisbury	41
A P Grayson c Moores b Drakes	29
N Hussain c Moores b Salisbury	35
S G Law b Salisbury	28
*P J Prichard b Phillips	14
R C Irani c Wells b Salisbury	0
†R J Rollins c Lenham b Salisbury	59
M C Ilott c Newell b Salisbury	16
A P Cowan c Phillips b Salisbury	21
P M Such not out	9
S J W Andrew c Greenfield b Salisbury	0
Extras (b 13, lb 1, w 1, nb 15)	31
Total	283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-111, 3-138, 4-157, 5-167, 6-167, 7-218, 8-263, 9-279.

BOWLING: Drakes 10-1-56-1; Kirtley 3-0-22-0; Phillips 34-8-116-1; Salisbury 29.4-9-75-8.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and A G T Whitehead.

Kent v Hampshire

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Kent (24pts) beat Hampshire (5) by 148 runs

KENT: First Innings 445 (N J Llong 130, C L Hooper 84, T R Ward 79, M A Ealham 74; J P Stephenson 5 for 104, D A Mascarenhas 4 for 101)

Second Innings 211 (S A Marsh 56; S J Renshaw 4 for 75)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 358 (J S Laney 105, R A Smith 60, A N Aymes 52; D W Headley 5 for 83, Ealham 4 for 73)

Second Innings

G W White c Hooper b Fleming	66
J S Laney lbw b McCague	14
P R Whitaker b McCague	53
R A Smith c Marsh b McCague	1
W S Kendall c Hooper b McCague	3
†A N Aymes c Patel b McCague	0
D A Mascarenhas lbw b McCague	0
R J Maru b Fleming	1
J N B Bovill b Fleming	0
S J Renshaw not out	0
*J P Stephenson absent injured	0
Extras (b 6, lb 6)	12
Total	150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-143, 3-145, 4-149, 5-149, 6-149, 7-149, 8-149, 9-150

BOWLING: McCague 17-4-51-6; Headley 10-1-29-0; Ealham 11-1-41-0; Patel 4-0-10-0; Hooper 1-0-1-0; Fleming 4.3-2-6-3.

Umpires: R Julian and G Sharp.

Middlesex v Somerset

UXBRIDGE (final day of four). Middlesex (9pts) drew with Somerset (7)

SOMERSET: First Innings 485 (P C L Holloway 168, R J Turner 75, K A Parsons 72)

Second Innings

*P D Bowler lbw b Tufnell	22
M E Trescothick b Tufnell	44
P C L Holloway not out	90
R J Harden c Dutch b Shah	12
K A Parsons not out	83
Extras (lb 5, nb 2)	7
Total (3 wkts dec)	258

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-84, 3-112.

BOWLING: Fraser 4-2-11-0; Johnson 3-1-8-0; Tufnell 18-5-46-2; Dutch 16-2-60-0; Ramprakash 11-0-62-0; Shah 5-0-24-1; Pooley 4-0-42-0

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 350 for 3 dec (P N Weekes 171 not out, O A Shah 75, K R Brown 58 not out)

Second Innings

P N Weekes b Caddick	160
J C Pooley st Turner b Cottam	41
M R Ramprakash c Turner b Kerr	110
*N M Carling run out	5
†K R Brown c Lee b Kerr	11
O A Shah c Trescothick b Cottam	2
K P Dutch b Caddick	4
R L Johnson run out	2
A R C Fraser not out	4
P C R Tufnell not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 1, nb 2)	18
Total (8 wkts)	357

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-297, 3-314, 4-332, 5-335, 6-343, 7-349, 8-357

BOWLING: Caddick 15-4-49-2; Shine 11-0-59-0; Cottam 29-1-127-2; Lee 14-1-62-0; Kerr 15-2-45-2

Umpires: H D Bird and K J Lyons.

Northamptonshire v Lancashire

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Northamptonshire (24pts) beat Lancashire (7) by nine wickets

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 358 (J E R Gallian 113; K J Innes 4 for 61, J P Taylor 4 for 79)

Second Innings

J E R Gallian lbw b Hughes	1
S P Titchard b Snape	28
N H Fairbrother c Taylor b Hughes	17
J P Crawley c †M B Bailey b Snape	58
G D Lloyd c Hughes b Snape	70
*M Watkinson c Innes b Taylor	39
P J Martin lbw b Taylor	18
†W K Hegg c R J Bailey b Taylor	7
G Chapple c Curran b Taylor	20
G Yates c Penberthy b Snape	0
R J Green not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 7)	14
Total	275

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-27, 3-86, 4-162, 5-203, 6-238, 7-243, 8-252, 9-253.

BOWLING: Taylor 21.5-6-72-4; Hughes 6-1-21-2; Innes 7-1-36-0; Snape 31.5-102-4; R J Bailey 3-1-4-0; Penberthy 7-1-33-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 471 (K M Curran 93, M B Loye 90, K J Innes 63, T C Walton 52; R J Green 4 for 78)

Second Innings

R J Warren c Watkinson b Martin	0
M B Loye not out	67
*R J Bailey not out	92
Extras (b 1, lb 3)	4
Total (1 wkt)	163

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0.

BOWLING: Martin 9-1-25-1, Chapple 4-0-14-0; Watkinson 10-0-47-0; Green 4-0-20-0; Yates 8.2-0-53-0.

Umpires: V A Holder and K E Palmer

Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

WORCESTER (final day of four). Worcestershire (23pts) beat Gloucestershire (7) by five wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 334 (M W Alleyne 149, M A Lynch 70; T M Moody 6 for 67)

Second Innings

D R Hewson lbw b Leatherdale	9
M G N Windows c Rhodes b Moody	6
A Symonds c Rhodes b Moody	6
R I Dawson b Lampitt	16
M A Lynch lbw b Moody	72
M W Alleyne lbw b Moody	44
†R C Russell not out	50
R P Davis c Weston b Moody	16
A M Smith c Rhodes b Illingworth	5
M C J Ball c Hick b Moody	46
*C A Walsh b Moody	0
Extras (b 6, lb 9, w 1, nb 6)	22
Total	292

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-22, 3-22, 4-85, 5-160, 6-163, 7-204, 8-221, 9-292.

BOWLING: Moody 36.5-13-92-7; Leatherdale 23-6-53-1; Illingworth 23-5-57-1; Lampitt 12-3-40-1; Solanki 14-4-35-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 319 (D A Leatherdale 70, G A Hick 54; C A Walsh 5 for 64)

Second Innings

T S Curtis b Walsh	10
W P C Weston c Lynch b Walsh	89
G A Hick b Walsh	106
V S Solanki not out	46
D A Leatherdale b Symonds	19
*T M Moody b Smith	11
K R Spiring not out	4
Extras (b 12, lb 4, nb 10)	26
Total (5 wkts)	311

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-213, 3-226, 4-273, 5-294.

BOWLING: Walsh 19.2-85-3; Smith 20.5-81-1; Symonds 13.2-44-1; Alleyne 7-1-38-0; Davis 14-3-43-0; Dawson 0.2-0-4-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R Palmer

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

ADIPOSITY

(c) Fatness, or tendency to fatness. From the modern Latin *adipōsus* fat. "Vinegar helps to keep down an alarming adiposity."

BOWK

(b) A milk pail, a pail. And a large tub or bucket used in coal mines. Perhaps from the Old English *būc* a bulging vessel, pitcher, also belly. "A workman, killed through falling from a bowk, in which he was being drawn up the pit shaft."

ARLES

(b) Money given in confirmation of a bargain, especially that given when a servant is hired, in confirmation of the engagement: earnest-money. Apparently Old French *erle*, Latin *arrha*, Greek *arrabōn* earnest-money. Scott, *Old Mort.*, 1816: "Ye gae me nae arles, indeed."

BETELL

(b) To calumniate, deride, deceive. Perhaps from the Old English *tǽlan* to speak ill of, calumniate. "She sayth that they be her children, that beteled be babes borne of such abhominable bellye."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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RADIO CHOICE

Tales told out of Chequers

Inside Chequers. *Radio 4 (FM). 10.00am.*

John Major being elsewhere, it is Norma who shows Helen Fraser around the Elizabethan mansion which has been the official country residence of 14 Prime Ministers. Little secrets are divulged by Mrs Major and the deputy curator. No imprints of human feet are permitted on carpets before VIPs arrive. No half-gone toilet rolls are used. All washing up is done by hand. *Radio Times* is left open at the cricket page. There isn't a picture of the Majors anywhere. Margaret Thatcher rejoiced at there being one place at least where she could have custard. And there's the local pub, which was closed when Boris Yeltsin visited it. His aides banged on the door and shouted: "It's the President of Russia!" Back came a voice: "Yes, and I'm the Kaiser!"

The Cartography of Thought. *Radio 3, 8.20pm.*

Programmes groaned under the weight of titles like this in the good/bad days of the Third. I used to feel I was being challenged to listen to them against my will. Actually, the title is lifted from David Gascoyne's English translation of Rene Daumal's *The Poet's Last Words*. For his services to French literature, Gascoyne, now 80, was made Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres. This outstanding translator of French poetry quotes the American poet Archibald MacLeish's dictum that "a poem should not *mean*, but *be*." To which Gascoyne adds: "English readers, confronted by French poems, should remember that!"

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 6.30am Chris Evans, **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, Incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat and at 6.00 The Drive-In **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Cling Film **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The Elephant Man (4/8) **9.00** The Mambo **10.00** Turning the Tables Ed Stewart highlights the often bizarre attempts by DJs to produce records of their own (1/2) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, Incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme Incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, Incl **10.35** News from Europe **12.00** Midday with Max, Incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, Incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, Incl at 7.20 Sports Bulletin **7.10** The Tuesday Match, with Mark Pougatch. Coverage of the matches in the second round, first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup in England and Wales **10.05** News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours, with Vincent Hanna **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 5.30 Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Anything Goes **8.15** Off the Shelf. *Tender is the Night* (12/20) **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Waveguide **9.15** Thirty-Minute Drama: *The End of Lieutenant Boruvka* **9.45** Good Books **10.05** Business **10.15** Brain of Britain **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian Feature **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Counterpoint **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack. Hit List **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Voicebox **6.30** News in German **7.30** Counterpoint **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Megamix **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Feature **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10am** Voicebox **12.15** Pop the Question **12.30** Megamix **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Breakfast Show **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Haydn (Sinfonia Concertante in B flat major) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight, with Jane Markham **6.30** Sonata. Schubert (Violin Sonata in D) **7.00** The Opera Guide, with Hugh Macpherson **8.00** Evening Concert. Fauré (Dolly Suite), Brahms (Seven Waltzes, Op 39); Francaix (Piano Concerto) **10.00** Michael Mappin, Incl at **11.35** Nocturne **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Jeremy Clark

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 18 No 1; Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat); Britten (Canticle No 2: Abraham and Isaac); Paganini (Caprice No 4 for solo violin);

9.00 Morning Collection, with Paul Gambaccini. Includes Gershwin (Variations on I've Got Rhythm); Copland (Letter from Home)

10.00 Musical Encounters. With Mark Rawlinson. Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 2); Brahms (Two Rhapsodies, Op 79); Schubert (String Trio in B flat); Mozart (Andante and Variations in G, K501); Roussel (Bacchus and Ariadne); Rachmaninov (Etude-Tableau in A minor, Op 39 No 6)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Dvořák

1.00pm The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Yoav Talmi. Mozart (Overture: Don Giovanni); Strauss (Standchen, Op 17 No 2); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor)

2.30 Ensemble. A recital by Vanessa Latarche (r)

3.15 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes and Sachio Fujioka. Elgar (Fantasia and Fugue in C minor); Sibelius (Violin Concerto); Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat)

5.00 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson (r)

5.15 In Tune: The Leeds International Piano Competition. A selection of highlights from the first round of semi-finals at the 12th triennial competition. Introduced by Mairi Nicolson

7.30 Hamelin and Lane. Live from the Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Glasgow. Two accomplished pianists get together for a recital of Romantic German and French piano music. Marc-Andre Hamelin gives a rare performance of a Dukas sonata and is then joined by Piers Lane for a recital of a Brahms sonata. **8.20 Interval: The Cartography of Thought.** See Choice **8.40** Brahms (Sonata in F minor for two pianos)

9.40 Novellists. Tim Parks reads from his new novel

10.00 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Symphony under David Porcelijn. Keuris (Symphonic Transformations); Nordheim (Magma)

10.35 Night Waves. A new series of the cultural magazine show begins with incest, intrigue and bloody revelation. Richard Coles reports on the first night of *The Oedipus Plays*, directed by Sir Peter Hall. After a summer of ethical questions raised by fertility treatment and abortion, *Night Waves* investigates whether professional philosophers have anything useful to say on the debate. Plus William Mival reflects on the premiere of Colin Matthews's new cello concerto for Mstislav Rostropovich

11.30 Composers Of the Week: Johann Sebastian Bach (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55 Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30 Today** Incl **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40 Why Name Escapes Me** Sir Alec Guinness reads his own 'diary of a retiring actor' (2/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Call Nick Ross: (0171) 580 4444

10.00 Daily Service (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.00 News; Inside Chequers (FM). See Choice

10.30 Woman's Hour Jenni Murray talks to soap superstar and blockbuster author Joan Collins about fighting the court case that nearly toppled her.

11.30 All in the Mind. Professor Anthony Clare talks to Tim Lott, author of a moving account of his mother's suicide.

12.00 News; You and Yours.

12.25pm Word of Mouth Russell Davies with the programme about words and the way we speak **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Books and Company (r)

2.30 Just the Part: Soprano

3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News

4.05 Kaleidoscope Paul Vaughan reads Peter Ackroyd's novel *Milton in America*, about a fictitious journey made by Cromwell's secretary

4.45 Short Story: The Visitor by Alex Barr. Read by Elizabeth Bailey.

5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Charlie Lee-Potter **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 England's Glory. Comedy with Keith Barron, Lynda Baron and Sam Kelly (2/6) (r)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers Richard's spirits are dampened

7.20 File on 4.

8.00 Science Now A weekly review of discoveries and developments in science. (r)

8.30 The Network. Alun Lewis presents a new series that cuts through to the heart of the information revolution

9.00 In Touch with Peter White. News, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight With Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Nation's Favourite Poems. (2/5) John Nettles, Siobhan Redmond, Greg Wise and Emma Fielding read a selection from the top 50 poems

11.00 Mediumwave. The week's events in the media. (r)

11.30 On the Ropes. When a business genius made a private joke in public, it cost him his high-street empire. John Humphrys asks Gerald Ratner why he did it (r)

12.00 News Incl **12.27** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: Amongst Women Tony Doyle reads John McGahern's story. Rose's pursuit (2/10) (r) **12.48** Shipping Forecast

1.00 As World Service

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That's life: there's no getting away from it

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

No man is an island but uncommon numbers of men would live on one given half a chance. I have never understood the attraction of some offshore outcrop from which civilisation is a distant glow in the sky: for me, remoteness is an occasional indulgence, not a full-time job.

So I approached last night's **Cutting Edge: Paradise Island** (Channel 4) with a sense of dread. Here, on the face of it, was another documentary about people who had deluded themselves that the *perfect life was a place, rather than* a state of mind. Au contraire. This was a fascinating documentary with elements of Gothic drama, in which the apparently normal inexorably unfolded into a strange tale with dark undertones.

A seven-line classified advertisement placed in *The Sunday Times* two years ago by Tony and Lyn Craig invited people willing to contribute £150,000 to join them in establishing a community on a tropical island. There were more than 500 replies.

Among them were Su and Chris Bradley, she a designer, he an accountant. Early in the programme Chris Bradley said something that went to the heart of the fallacy which afflicts potential escapers: "The essence of the whole thing was the breakdown of law and order. We're in a community now where the greatest business opportunity for the entrepreneur must be considered crime."

This is tosh, more or less. I qualify the judgment because of what was to happen later, but Bradley's colourful hyperbole is typical among people who regard "society" as being in disarray, but apparently do not see themselves as part of society: everything is awful, but don't look at me.

Tony Craig had identified a suitable island and set about buying it. It was called San José and it was off the coast of Panama, that famed redoubt of civilised values and tranquillity. While Craig negotiated, mobs roamed the streets of Panama City and the military fired at them. Oh well, perhaps San José was a long way off the coast of Panama.

Back in Britain, figurative gunfire could be heard. This was Bradley and others in the scheme, wondering why everything was taking so long. The putative settlers were beginning to sound like a Tory Cabinet debating the common currency.

At which point, all was undone. Nothing is better designed to disturb the harmony around the family pool than a former wife surfacing at the deep end, in full view of the cameras. Tony Craig's former wife appeared, to make a devastating opening remark: "He can charm the birds out of the trees and I'm one of them."

You felt there was more where that came from. The former wife claimed that Tony had made his money out of shoplifting. The record showed a conviction against Craig for shoplifting and assault. There was also a daughter from that marriage. Again, the record showed that Craig had been accused on three charges relating to alleged sexual abuse of the daughter, but was found not guilty.

I could not deduce from the somewhat muddled presentation of these events whether the plan to settle in San José fell apart because of these developments or had already fallen apart because of general discontent among the other people involved. Whatever the reason, the scheme came to naught. I suspect that is just as well.

The best hospital drama returned for a new series last night: what a pity it is not British. **Chicago Hope** (BBC1) fair crackles along in both words and pictures: *the NYPD Blue* of medicine. About five story lines are running at once and I can scarce recall one of them. But what the heck: *Chicago Hope* is all style and good writing, of which there is little enough.

Not that gobbledegook is absent. "Get a head CT stat and let's do an MRI from the front of it." By God, what a good idea: should I bring a camera or a pair of scissors? But there is pathos, bathos, sheer wit and utter chaos, plus some pretension and an occasionally overcooked layer of angst.

There is also, rare thing, a very good and believable male friendship between two doctors, Jeffrey Geiger (Mandy Patinkin) and Aaron Shutt (Adam Arkin). The good and believable thing is that neither judges the other. Friendship is accepting, not analysing, and this is insufficiently understood in television scripts.

When Geiger and Shutt get on each other's nerves, they express the frustration obliquely and respond through wit. "Do you always answer a question with a question?" "Does that bother you?" I like *Chicago Hope*. A real hospital could not function like this, but Chicago Hope still feels like a real hospital.

And finally to **Little Killers: A Short Hectic Life** (Channel 4), a repeated programme that Michael Caine will want to memorise for his "not a lot of people know that" act at parties. Over to you, Michael:

"Did you know that the water shrew, although no bigger than a credit card, eats half its own body weight every 24 hours? And did you know that that's the equivalent of humans eating 30 three-course meals every day? Erc, and anuvver thing, the water shrew is a very aggressive animal, but so would you be if you were liable to die if you didn't eat for an hour."

Thank you Michael, you seem to have covered most of the things I have learnt about the water shrew. Oh, except that it is active by day and by night. And it twitters, so that whereas we might think we are listening to a bird, we are in fact listening to a water shrew. Not a lot of people know that, either.

● *Matthew Bond is away*

6.00am Business Breakfast (74253)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (82104)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (8457901)
9.20 Style Challenge (s) (1651415)
9.45 Kilroy (s) (1162901)
10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (81369)
11.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (4451833)
11.05 Son of the Morning Star. The first of a two-part dramatisation of the true story of General George Armstrong Custer. With Gary Cole (r) (Ceefax) (s). Includes News at **12.00** (36763543)
12.45pm Blooming Lovely (r) (17428271)
1.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (32681)
1.30 Regional News and weather (45104611)
1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (32472630) **2.00 Call My Bluff** (s) (6047123) **2.35 Turnabout** (s) (1676901) **3.00 The Terrace** (s) (3949)
3.30 Moomin (8967475) **3.50 Little Mouse on the Prairie** (Ceefax) (8961291) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (Ceefax) (7472291) **4.35 Grange Hill** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4697678) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7770494) **5.10 Byker Grove** (r) (Ceefax) (2483253)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Teletext) (376678)
6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (833)
6.30 Regional news magazines (185)
7.00 Big Break — Trick Shot Special. Jim Davidson and John Virgo introduce the last in the current series of trick-shot snooker fun (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8630)
7.30 EastEnders. Cindy sets in motion her plan to leave Ian. Peggy is infuriated by *the situation between Grant and Tiffany* (Ceefax) (s) (369)
8.00 999 Lifesavers. Michael Buerk and Juliet Morris introduce a series of extraordinary true stories of courage and bravery (Ceefax) (s) (4678)
8.30 Birds of a Feather. Sit-com starring Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph (r) (Ceefax) (3185)
9.00 News; regional news and weather (Ceefax) (7123)
9.30 After the Break: The Seven Deadly Sins. Patrick Kielty presents a compilation of 30 years of hilarious commercial clips from around the world (Ceefax) (s) (13456)
10.00 Crimewatch File: The Ice Man. The extraordinary story of Sussex Police's investigation into the murders of Harry and Nicola Fuller (Ceefax) (s) (579123)
10.50 FILM: Missing Pieces (1991) with Robert Whul, Lauren Hutton and Bob Gunton. A writer discovers that he will inherit a fortune from his foster father, but only if he can unravel a series of strange puzzles. Directed by Leonard B. Stern (7606497) **N.I.: Sportsnight Special 11.30 FILM: Missing Pieces 1.00am FILM: Kick 2.30-2.35 Weather**
12.20 FILM: Kick (1978) with Kim Baker, Malachy McCourt and Chet Docherty. When a gambler finds himself in debt, the group of boys he coaches in soccer decide to come to his aid without his knowledge. Directed by Sean S. Cunningham (3595418)
1.50-1.55am Weather (7810128)

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6.00am Open University: Chemistry (2188901) **6.25 Social Problems and Social Welfare** (2107036) **6.50 Clean Getaway** (2190299)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (8579630)
7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9821920) **7.55 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (2080456) **8.20 Fireman Sam** (r) (6974123) **8.35 Lassie** (r) (2442630) **9.00 Standard Grade Design** (8455543) **9.20 The RE Collection** (3451497) **9.45 Watch** (8571814) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (99475) **10.30 Come Outside** (s) (5623388) **10.45 Science Zone — People** (s) (1587253) **11.05 Space Ark** (s) (4449098) **11.15 Clementine** (s) (5570307) **11.30 GNVQ TV** (6630) **12.00 See Hear!** (r) (Ceefax and signing) (s) (96291) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (24562) **1.00 Teaching Today** (32663) **1.30 Showcase** (45102253) **1.40 Hotch Potch House** (r) (s) (32470272) **2.00 Fireman Sam** (r) (61292253) **2.10 *National Trust Gardens*** (37830843)
2.15 FILM: Wild Texas Wind (1991). Country music intrigue with Dolly Parton, Gary Busey and Willie Nelson. Directed by Joan Tewkesbury (Ceefax) (s) (355901)
3.55 News (Ceefax) (4680630) **4.00 Today's the Day** (758) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (982) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (9336630) **5.40 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (876253) **5.50 Breast of Friends** (747274)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (r) (s) (333036)
6.25 Heartbreak High (Ceefax) (s) (215017)
7.10 The O Zone Special. Last in series (s) (986562)
7.30 The Chemistry of (Almost) Everything. An investigation into the way science affects our lives (611)
8.00 NEW **Pound for Pound.** Financial magazine (s) (5920)



Carluccio's culinary tour (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Antonio Carluccio's Italian Feast** (s) (1727)
9.00 Timewatch: The History of a Mystery. How a poor priest in the South West of France found a parchment and became rich overnight (Ceefax) (840814)
9.50 NEW **Trade Secrets: Chefs.** Professionals share the tricks of *the trade (Ceefax) (482562)*
10.00 Hancock: The Alpine Holiday. Classic comedy with Tony Hancock (b/w) (r) (Ceefax) (97920)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (614920)
11.15 NEW **Over the Edge: Remember Me.** *People with HIV and Aids* talk about their dead lovers and their own impending deaths (Ceefax) (s) (584036)
11.45 Favourite Films. Michael Douglas *reveals his favourite movies* (r) (Ceefax) (583307)
12.15am Pride of Dress. Followed by **Weatherview** (5478963)
12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Citizen's Arrest
Channel 4, 8.00pm

In 1994 five powerworkers from Falkirk won £2.3 million on Littlewoods pools. Or they thought they had. But the collector stole their stake money and the winning coupon was never sent. Invoking small print, including a law made well before pools or even professional football were heard of, Littlewoods refused to pay. Launching a new series about injustices, self-styled investigative reporter Joe Layburn takes up the cause. But apart from giving the case wider publicity, his contribution is modest. The running is made by Mary Ferguson, the determined wife of one of the five men, with Layburn mostly relegated to sympathetic onlooker. But the film does suggest that the chances of a collector defrauding Littlewoods and its clients are much greater than a *punter winning the jackpot.*

Antonio Carluccio's Italian Feast
BBC2, 8.30pm

You only have to speculate on Carluccio's waist measurement to know that he likes his food and the first solo series from the burly Italian cook after guest spots on *Food and Drink* is a non-stop homage to culinary enjoyment. If the programmes give the impression that Carluccio and his fellow *Italians do little else but eat and drink, then* nobody can say they are wasting their time. Each week Carluccio is in a region of northern Italy demonstrating some of its favourite recipes. He starts in Liguria, where he chats to a chef who has created dishes for the Pope and Frank Sinatra, drops in on a wine-tasting and goes fishing. His menus *include pesto sauce, a rabbit and artichoke* meal for a group of monks and an elaborate fish stew. Olive oil, lashings of it, is the unvarying ingredient.

Nuremberg
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The impending 50th anniversary of the sentences imposed on leading Nazis for crimes committed during the Second World War forms a reasonable peg for this documentary about the Nuremberg trials. Most of the programme is a clear and uncontroversial account of the proceedings, greatly helped by the fact that they were filmed. Being able to see the demeanour of Göring, von Ribbentrop and company in the witness box says much more than a mere record of the exchanges. *Nuremberg* also tells a less familiar story. Once the big names had been dealt with, the court went on to hear charges against Nazi-friendly bankers and industrialists. But because of the need to rebuild the West German economy against the communist threat, these men were given very lenient treatment. Cold War politics, it is suggested, overruled justice.

Network First: Three Men and a Balloon
ITV, 10.40pm

Richard Branson is a man who seemingly cannot keep still. Nor is he daunted by defeat. Having failed to cross the Atlantic by balloon, and then the Pacific, he decides to go for the big one: non-stop round the world, a feat not previously accomplished. He is joined by Per Lindstrom, a survivor of previous balloon adventures, and a business chum, Rory McCarthy. The venture turns out to be stronger on photo-opportunities, of which Branson is a master, than *achievement. Deadlines repeatedly slip and* there are recriminations when the project goes £1 million over budget. Nor have Branson and company got clearance from countries they plan to fly over. Libya, for one, says it will shoot them down. David Stafford's commentary provides an aptly sceptical tone. **Peter Waymark**

6.00am GMTV (9980123)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (9615496)
9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (3662017)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (2533765)
10.35 This Morning (64358901)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7045456)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (2142291)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (2127982)
1.25 High Road (Teletext) (1908938)
2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (97740678)
2.25 Quisine (Teletext) (s) (97729185) **2.50 Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (7859562)
3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7855562)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7854833)
3.30 Potamus Park (s) (6032765) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (4260901) **3.50 Hot Rod Dogs** (s) **4.05 Garfield and Friends** (2827340) **4.15 Hey Arnold!** (7458611) **4.40 The Ward** (Teletext) (8450494)
5.10 Bruce's Price is Right (s) (6324348)
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (519456)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (320562)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (595765)
7.00 Emmerdale. The Sugdens hear news of Andy, Mandy has a visit from the police *and there is an unwelcome return for* Sean (Teletext) (9758)
7.30 West Watch. David Bellamy and Nick Baker admire the view from Bridgewater Bay (s) (765)
8.00 The Bill. McCann and Slater are on the trail of a kleptomaniac (Teletext) (9746)
8.30 My Good Friend. A virus confines Ellie to bed, leaving Peter and Harry to play nursemaid. Betty is persuaded to look after Neil while they take care of Ellie. With George Cole (Teletext) (s) (8253)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Deborah's life is threatened by an army policewoman who bears a grudge, while A Tough training exercise pushes team spirit to the limit (Teletext) (1302)
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (91746)
10.30 Regional News (620678)



Up, up and away (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Three Men and a Balloon** (Teletext) (s) (196949)
11.40 Highlander (313949)
12.35am *Nationwide Football League Extra* (1487925)
1.25 FILM: Darker than Amber (1970) starring Rod Taylor, Suzy Kendall and *Theodore Bikel. A complex and violent* private-eye yard, directed by Robert Clouse (626128)
3.10 Late & Loud (s) (5704429)
4.05 The Chart Show (s) (6684760)
5.00 Hot Spots (s) (68654)
5.30 ITN Morning News (86963)

As HTV WEST except:
6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (595765)
7.30-8.00 James' Journal (765)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.25 Illuminations (7053475)
12.55 Emmerdale (2127982)
1.25-1.55 Quisine (68084185)
1.55 Home and Away (93646433)
2.25 Vanessa (97743765)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1681833)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6324348)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (36307)
7.30-8.00 Treasures (765)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (313949)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News; Weather (2142291)
12.55 Home and Away (2127982)
1.25 Quisine (68084185)
1.55 A Country Practice (32486833)
2.20 Vanessa (97744494)
2.50-3.20 Cat Crazy (7859562)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6324348)
6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (595765)
7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (765)
10.00 News at Ten; Weather (91746)
12.40am Film: Cisco Pike (628925)
2.25 Late & Loud (9163321)
3.15 Pushing the Limits — the Making of Eraser (17102811)
3.40 Jobfinder (865857)
5.20 Asian Eye (9788012)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.30pm ITN Lunchtime News; Weather (2142291)
12.55 Quisine (2127982)
1.25 Home and Away (68084185)
1.55 Shortland Street (32486833)
2.20 Vanessa (97744494)
2.50-3.20 Hope and Gloria (7859562)
5.10 Home and Away (6324348)
5.37-5.40 Three Minutes — Making It Happen (625433)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (901)
6.30-7.00 What's My Line? (253)
7.30-8.00 Out of Town (765)
10.00 News at Ten; Weather (91746)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (313949)
5.00am Freescreen (68654)

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Starts: 6.30 Chicken Minute (93291) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (21562) **9.00 Bless This House** (81433) **9.30 Schools** (256494) **12.00 Garden Doctors** (98659) **12.30pm Backdate** (19630) **1.00 Slot Meithrin: ABC a Tic Toc** (31949) **1.30 Film: Tom Brown's School Days** (22646388) ***3.15 Ricki Lake*** (6274630) **4.00 Fifteen to One** (494) **4.30 Little Killers** (678) **5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5** (1104) **5.30 Countdown** (630) ***6.05 Heno*** (308340) **6.35 Jacpot** (597307) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (608272) **7.25 Trior Teulu** (873475) **8.00 Y Stori Fawr** (7388) **8.30 Newyddion** (9123) **9.00 Rasus** (8104) **10.00 Brookside** (920833) **10.35 Ellen** (426388) **11.05 Film: Victim** (1961) A groundbreaking thriller starring Dirk Bogarde (237543) **1.00am Inside Out** (15988) **1.30 Dhwedd 4.00 Schools** (74895)

6.30am Chicken Minute (93291) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (21562) **9.00 Bless This House** (81433)
9.30 Schools: Eureka (8578727) **9.45 Stop Look Listen** (8566982) **10.00 Fourways Farm** (1469098) **10.10 TVM** (4775017) **10.25 How We Used to Live** (4754525) **10.45 Caraldean** (5696611) **11.00 The New Living Body** (4139901) **11.20 Stage One** (83876) **11.37 Lost Animals** (3734524) **11.42 Poverty Answering Back** (83876) **11.45 First Edition** (2897334)
12.00 Little River Journeys (1/7) (98659) **12.30pm Backdate** (s) (Teletext) (19630) **1.00 Sesame Street** (14185) **2.00 Dance of the Stumblers** (29735479) **2.05 The Living Sea** (98437524)
2.35 FILM: Powder River (1953). Western starring Rory Calhoun. Directed by Louis King (Teletext) (1202475)
4.00 Fifteen to One (s) (Teletext) (494) **4.30 Countdown** (s) (Teletext) (678) **5.00** ***Ricki Lake*** *(Teletext) (s) (2828475)* **5.45 Travelog Treks** (s) (Teletext) (884272)
6.00 The Avengers (r) (Teletext) (34949)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (613920)
7.55 Books of the Century (923253)
8.00 CHOICE **Citizen's Arrest** (s) (Teletext) (7388)
8.30 Brookside. *Sammy finds her case is far* from water-tight (s) (Teletext) (9123)



Goering faces trial (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Nuremberg.** A compelling look at the complex web of politics, justice and morality behind the Nuremberg trials (s) (Teletext) (8104)
10.00 Murder in the Heartland. Concluding the mini-series based on the true story of a teenage runaway couple who, in 1958, embarked on a killing spree that stunned America (r) (Teletext) (357746)
11.50 NEW **The Shooting Gallery.** The showcase for new cinema returns for an eight-week run beginning with **The Short Cut.** A tale of double cross and assumed identities (738456) **12.05am Sheila.** Scottish thriller with an intriguing twist (3132741) **12.15 Swerve.** A thief discovers he's chosen the wrong car (5463031) **12.30 The Tickle.** Four London crooks come together for a job (5543760) ***12.50 Going Down.*** *Sharp* New Zealand thriller (5411050) **12.55 Attenborough.** Witty film about a frigid couple (5553147) **1.20 Chinese Whispers.** A tale of the Triads (2396673) **1.30 Freelancer.** A contract killer carries out another job (2605789) ***1.45 A Little Worm.*** The meeting of Larry Adler and Al Capone (6487586) **2.00 Des Hommes Avec Des Bas.** A kidnapping goes wrong (5098895) **2.15 A Warning.** In Polish with English subtitles (6086050) **2.30 Computer Visions** hosted by a live-action woman and computer-generated sleuth (7510760). Ends at **3.40**
4.00 Schools (74895). Ends at **5.00**

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SKY ONE

7.00am Unoun (41340) **9.00** Press Your Luck (7917562) **9.30** Love Connection (3633253) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (1943123) **10.40** Jeopardy! (8420814) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9209675) **12.00** Geraldo (58543) **1.00pm** Animal Practice (51727) **1.30** Designing Women (78307) **2.00** Jenny Jones (45678) **3.00** Court TV (9765) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (1964096) ***4.15 Unoun*** (7407017) **5.00** Quantum Leap (6307) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (54727) **7.00** LAPD (1746) **7.30** MASH (7272) **8.00** Stephen King's The Langoliers (59302) **10.00** Quantum Leap (94369) **11.00** Highlander (61104) **12.00** Midnight Caller (33344) **1.00am** LAPD (85944) **1.30** W-RP in Concurram (25050) **2.00** Hit Mix (2369708)

SKY 2

7.00pm The Simpsons (1488630) **7.30** Sea Rescue (66880011) **8.00** Sliders (4178543) **9.00** Renegade (4198507) **10.00** New York Undercover (4191494) **11.00** David Letterman (2733253) **12.00** Hit Mix (3027889)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (650017) **9.30** Fashion TV (17093) **10.30** ABC Nightline (89727) **11.30** CBS News Live (279630) **2.30pm** CBS News (6129017) **3.10** Court TV (74022494) **5.00** Live at Five (651041) **6.30** Tonight (97475) **7.30** Sport (78524) **8.30** Target (461524) **11.30** CBS News (27104) **12.30am** ABC World News (38012) **1.30** Tonight (48034991) **2.10** Court TV (91120501) **3.30** Fashion TV (84147) **4.30** CBS News (59128) **5.30** ABC World News (28963)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Kona Coast (1968) (18551) **8.00 Eleven Harrowhouse (1974)** (29630) **10.00 Other Women's Children (1993)** (40524) ***12.00 Final Shot — the Hank Gathers Story (1992)*** (19253) **2.00pm One of Our Spies is Missing (1965)** (18549) **4.00 Two of a Kind (1982)** (5949) **6.00 Other Women's Children (1993)** (98185) **8.00 The Babysitter's Seduction (1996)** (93630) **10.00 Fortress (1994)** (405982) **11.40 Strawberry and Chocolate (1995)** (787494) **1.30am Next Door (1995)** (956031) **3.05-5.00 No Ordinary Summer (1994)** (33184031)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Man in the Iron Mask (1939) (642814) **1.45pm Julia (1977)** (15152299) **3.40 Battle of the Bulge (1965)** (36307889) **6.10 Chuka (1967)** (55783562) **8.00 Darling (1965)** (75272) **10.00 Blind Fury (1989)** (976920) **11.35 1984 (1984)** (292274) **1.35am Julia (1977)** (243944) **3.30-5.30 The Great Dictator (1940)** (910311)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Hudson's Bay (1940) (24122) **7.30 Black Beauty (1994)** (228333) **9.00 Goldilocks and the Three Bears (1994)** (69633) **10.00 The Boy on a Dolphin (1957)** (71494) **12.00 Taiwan: Taklab (1994)** (40123) **2.00pm 3:10 to Yuma (1957)** (12331) **4.00 Where the Red Fern Grows (1974)** (6291) **6.00 Black Beauty (1994)** (51814) **7.30 Special Feature: The Nutty Professor** (5122) **8.00 A Dangerous Affair (1994)** (91272) **10.00 A Family Divided (1994)** (785630) **11.35 Shadow of the Past (1995)** (550291) **1.10am Fighting for My Daughter (1979)** (2457215) **2.45 La Jeune Werther (1993)** (260692) **4.20-6.00 Hudson's Bay (1940)** (232227)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Bonkers (1560272) **6.25** Mouse Tracks (1589307) **6.50** Darkwing Duck (3170104) **7.15** Quack Attack (3781956) **7.40** Aladdin (1599630) **8.05** Quack Pack (7303839) **8.30** Bonkers (46369) **9.00** Mouse Tracks (90949) **9.30** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (67340) **10.00** Muppet Babies (50659) **10.30** Adventures in Wonderland (59833) **11.00** Quack Attack (43185) **11.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (44814) **12.00** Froggie Rock (40185) **12.30pm** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (78458) **1.00** Quack Pack (90765) **1.30** Aladdin (77727) **2.00** Darkwing Duck (8217) **2.30** Walt Disney Presents (3711920) **3.25** Mouse Tracks (7127291) **3.50** Darkwing Duck (2258543) **4.15** Bonkers (8822772) **4.35** Quack Pack (2397340) ***5.00*** Aladdin (4307) ***5.30*** Okavango (4123) **6.00** Crossbow (1036) **6.30** Blossom (2368) **7.00** Home Improvement (4543) **7.30** FILM: Max Is Missing (97158630) **9.05** Eyewitness (145369) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (21920)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Cycling (77307) **9.00** Triathlon (14307) **10.00** Speedworld (58678) **12.00** Football (51765) **1.00pm** Triathlon (37185) **2.00** Cycling (91630) **3.30** Speedworld (9036) ***4.00 Decathlon*** (21949) **5.00** Boxing (1901) **6.00** Tractor Pulling (57949) **7.00** Strength (42920) **8.00** Boxing (39456) **10.00** Football (41291) **11.00-12.30am** Cycling (80123)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (98272) **7.30** Squash (62475) **8.30** Racing News (15475) **9.00** Sports Centre (114217) **9.30** Aerobics (43746) **10.00** Baseball (80765) **10.30** American Sports Cavalcade (27901) **11.30** Tartan Extra (77730) **12.00** Aerobics (19291) **12.30pm** Monday Night Football (35833) **2.30** Football TBA (332388) **4.58** Sports Centre (5820123) **5.00** Wrestling (6833) **6.00** Sports Centre (71041) **6.30** Football (4104) **7.00** Scottish Football: Coca Cola Cup Round 4 (60374659) **10.15** Sports Centre (746814) **10.45** Footballer's Football (144727) **11.45** Sports Centre (741369) **12.15am** Women's Golf (162437) **1.15** Football (108079) **1.45** Scottish Football: Coca Cola Cup Round 4 (526166) **3.45-4.15** Sports Centre (187586)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Sports Unlimited (77385678) **1.00pm** Asian Golf Show (77361098) **2.00** American Sports Cavalcade (26343366) **3.00** Squash (52489340) **4.00** Watersports World (52408475) **5.00** Women's Golf (66577659) **6.00** Sports Unlimited (77374562) **7.00** Sports Centre (88578388) **7.30** Major League Baseball (41568949) **9.00** Sports USA (62405386) **10.30** Sports Unlimited (95765122) **11.30-12.00** Sports Centre (35898271)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Jack Van Impe Presents **5.00** Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Creflo Dollar: Changing Your World **6.15-7.00** Colin Dye: **6.45** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (6005901) **7.55** As the World Turns (95263077) **8.50** Peyton Place (6215291) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (2331737) **10.10-11.00** Another World (9520562)



Stephen King's the Langoliers concludes (Sky 1, 8.00pm)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (67073886) **11.30** Trailside (6708017) **12.00** Kaleidoscope (2812104) **12.30pm** Bruce and Bob Eat America (7158456) **1.00** Getaway (4213982) **1.30** Caribbean Vacation (7157727) **2.00** Australia from the Outside Looking In (4562543) **3.00** Globetrotter (5622307) **3.30-4.00** Around the World . . . in 30 Minutes (6527765)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography (5781340) **5.00** The Red Empire (5673659) **6.00** The World at War (7166475) **7.00-8.00** Biography (6905017)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday-Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday-Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable.
8.00pm Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (5683036) 8.30 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (5662545) 9.00 Starman (8994901) 10.00 The New Edge (2813633) 10.30 C/Nst (2899253) 11.00 Friday the 13th (4230659) 12.00 The Incredible Hulk (8796944) 1.00am Tales of the Unexpected (6858760) 1.30 New Alfred Hitchcock (7019147) **2.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (9429128) **2.30** Rod Serling's Night Gallery (9431963) **3.00** Friday the 13th (9680418) **3.55-4.00** Quarks (5678050)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (4708820) **9.30** The Garden Show (5611272) **10.00** Two's Country (2040746) **10.30** Home Again (4702104) **11.00** Furniture to Go (4896494) **11.30** Room Service (4897123) **12.00** Julia Child (4793456) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (5622388) **1.00** Versatile Vegetables (4722920) **1.30** This Old House (5621659) **2.00** This Old House (4419001) **2.30** Garden Club (2667920) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (4438036) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (2679755)

UK GOLD

7.00am Lassie (4732307) **7.30** Give Us A Clue (4711814) **8.00** Neighbours (2770833) **8.25** EastEnders (2968388) **9.00** The Bill (4715673) **9.30** The Sullivans (5613630) **10.00** Angels (4717098) **11.00** Bullseye (4865524) **11.30** Sale of the Century (4866253) **12.00** Tellystack (4795814) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5624746) **1.00** EastEnders (8243659) **1.35** Shelley (951765) **2.20** For the Love of Ada (29254562) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (6869543) **3.30** The Bill (26711233) **4.00** Juliet Bravo (48891004) **5.00** Bullseye (4402611) **5.30** George and Mildred (2670494) **6.00** Tellystack (26773007) **6.30** EastEnders (3993620) **7.05** The Bob Monkhouse Show (1363253) **8.00** Funny You Ask (44311233) **8.30** Executive Stress (4410630) **9.00** The Sweeney (5744920) **10.00** The Bill (8379098) **10.35** Naked Video (5046727) **11.10** The Equalizer (1524656) **12.10am FILM: Stagecoach** (1643586) **1.45** Shopping (1045031)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (1582494) **6.20** *Meltdown Teenage Urban Adventures* (1553682) **6.45** Degrassi Junior High (122185) **7.15** Ready or Not (129098) **7.45** California Dreams (128369) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (666104) **8.45** An Attack (4705456) **9.00** Tiny TCC (1348524) **10.20** The Clangers (3169104) **10.25** Christopher Crocodile (8864388) **11.00** Dinobabies (56659) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (57388) **12.00** Barney (53659) **12.30pm** *Oscar's Orchestra (746830)* **1.00** Casper and Friends (63611) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (92831475) **1.45** Teddy Trucks (57934920) **1.55** Mr Benn (57331678) **2.15** Babaloos (55116524) **2.20** Towser (55137017) **2.30** Christopher Crocodile (4842475) **2.40** Bertha (5722814) **3.00** Degrassi Junior High (5036) **3.30** Ready or Not (5098) **4.00** California Dreams (7833) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (3017)

NICKELODEON

8.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (83843) **8.30** Biker Mice from Mars (54727) **9.00** Rocko's Modern Life (98814) **9.30** Rugrats (15949) **10.00** Doug (147461) **10.30** Aaahhh!! Real Monsters (73017) **11.00** Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego (14299) **11.30** Wishbone (41368) **12.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (3920388) **12.10** Busy World of Richard Scarry (4605659) **12.35** Mr Men (6839494) **12.40** Henry's Cat (6836307) **12.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (3086659) **1.00** BBC Block (91369) **12.00** Clarissa Explains It All (17833) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (45104) **1.00** Babar (85185) **1.30** Littlest Pet Shop (44475) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (1388) **2.30** BBC Block (25272) **3.30** Aaahhh!! Real Monsters (2982) **4.00** Tales from the Cryptkeeper (1017) **4.30** Rugrats (8829353) **4.45** Doug (89570996) **5.00** Sister Sister (5340) **5.30** Sister Sister (1253) **6.00** Space Cases (1484) **6.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (2746)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Alnca the Hard Way (4887746) **5.00** Time Travellers (4400253) **5.30** Jurassica (2878036) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5830307) **7.00** Wild Things (4420017) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (2655185) **8.00** T-Rex Exposed (5739098) **9.00** Russia's War (5742562) **10.00** Frost's Century (5752949) **11.00-12.00** Justice Files

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (5638949) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (5614369) **2.00** The New Avengers (2038901) **3.00** Land of the Giants (4895765) **4.00 FILM:** Buona Sera, *Mrs Campbell (4436678)* **6.00** Thunderbirds (5627833) **7.00** Monkey (5740104) **8.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (5726534) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch (5746388) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Scum** (4894036)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (5104) **7.30** Entertainment (1630) **8.00** Wings (1524) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (8869) **9.00** Soap (23307) **9.30** Taxi (25340) **10.00** Entertainment (18582) **10.30** Dr Katz (94982) **11.00** Sledgehammer (96524) **11.30** Frontline (77291) **12.00** Bob (83050) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (23944) **1.00** Soap (29302) **1.30** Taxi (76708) **2.00** Entertainment (63321) **2.30** Sledgehammer (59128) **3.00** Dr Katz (49166) **3.30-4.00** Wings (73708)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (4676562) **7.00** Esther (8463475) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (2257185) **8.20** The Victorian Kitchen (1802982) **8.55** Catchword (8733494) **9.35** Call the Doctor (2726920) **10.00** Super Fresco Fabulosious (8664291



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QPR appoint former Arsenal No 2

Houston takes step down to launch career

By Russell Kempson

STEWART HOUSTON is a nice man, with few frills or ulterior motives. He worked diligently behind the scenes at Arsenal for ten years until he resigned last Friday, and finally earned what he believes is due recognition when he became the manager of Queens Park Rangers yesterday. From FA Carling Premiership to Nationwide League first division, perhaps, but from perennial No 2 to new No 1. At last.

It is unlikely that Houston's thoughtful, composed nature will change, even though he will quickly discover where the buck now stops. Amid the heat of Highbury, he twice accepted temporary promotion from assistant to caretaker manager in the wake of the dismissals of George Graham and Bruce Rioch. He coped, calmly and competently.

Yet when it again emerged that Arsenal would not give him the task permanently, that he was just a stop-gap until Arsène Wenger gained release from Nagoya Grampus Eight in Japan, his ambitions could no longer be suppressed. QPR had a vacancy, having recently parted company with Ray Wilkins, and Houston, 47, accepted a three-year contract.

"My decision was based over a period of time, it was not instantly reached," he said at Loftus Road yesterday. "I have always felt that, at some stage in my life and career, I would either go ahead and become a No 1 or stay and be happy as a No 2.

"It may be seen as taking a step down from the Premiership but, balancing that, I'm stepping up to a No 1 position. I felt I had to move on, the time was right. I had to take it. Rangers want to get back to the Premiership and so do I. I'll give it my best shot and I hope the players do, too."

QPR are sixth in the first division, after winning 3-1 against Barnsley at Oakwell on Saturday. Houston will lead them for the first time in their Coca-Cola Cup second-round, first-leg tie away to Swindon Town tomorrow.

Houston knows that success will be expected, then demanded. It does not faze him. "The Nationwide League is probably just as competitive as the Premiership," he said. "It is a very competitive industry all round, the level of expectation is always very high.

"Supporters expect their team to be challenging for honours and, if you do well, you get the rewards. If you don't, you have to face the consequences."

For Chris Wright, the owner of the Chrysalis Group, QPR and Wasps RFC, the surprise and dismay of Wilkins's sudden departure had swiftly evaporated. "Stewart has many fine qualities and a wealth of experience," he said. "He will have funds made available to him and he does not have to sell first before he can buy. We've made that quite clear."

Houston, a former player with Chelsea, Manchester United and Sheffield United, intends to look, learn and listen over the next few weeks. He has to decide whether the backroom staff of Frank Sibley, Billy Bonds and John Hollins are part of his plans, and whether Mark Hateley, the forward, should have his loan spell extended at Leeds United.

He also has to settle the future of Trevor Sinclair, the much-courted England Under-21 striker. "We don't need to sell Trevor," Wright said. "We don't need the money, it's as simple as that."

Before agreeing to move from north to west London, Houston spoke with George Graham, his mentor at Highbury and the new manager at Leeds. Though the possibility existed of him joining Graham at Elland Road, it was eventually ruled out. "We had a conversation and George said it was probably the right time for me to be a No 1," Houston said.

If QPR are to return to the Premiership in May, Houston will have to put into practice everything he gleaned from Graham. "I've gained an enormous amount of knowledge from him," he said. "He was a teacher but also a winner, which was his greatest asset. If I can follow in the George Graham style of winning things, then that'll be fine."

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Houston faces questions at Loftus Road after being installed as the new Queens Park Rangers manager yesterday

Wenger lifts Highbury gloom

By Russell Kempson

GOOD news has been rare at Highbury this season but Arsenal bucked the trend yesterday by confirming that they had finally managed to prise Arsène Wenger, the French coach, from Nagoya Grampus Eight, his club in Japan. Wenger, who succeeds Bruce Rioch, will arrive in north London on September 30.

Pat Rice, the Arsenal youth team coach, will continue in the role of caretaker manager until after the FA Carling Premiership match at home to Sunderland on September 28. Wenger, 46, will then have plenty of time to take stock of his inheritance. With the Premiership taking a break because of World Cup qualifiying games, his first match in charge, against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park, is not until October 12.

"It is my dream to manage a team in a top-level European league and it has always been my ambition to work in England," he said. "If I didn't accept this offer right now, I would miss the chance. I feel I have a special commitment to Arsenal."

Wenger's two-year contract with Nagoya does not expire until January next year but, after lengthy negotiations with the J-League club, he gained his release.

He will be replaced by Carlos Queiros, the former Portugal national coach, who is in charge of New York-New Jersey MetroStars, the Major League Soccer side in the United States.

It also emerged yesterday that Arsenal's interest in Wenger apparently preceded the dismissal of Rioch on August 12. Masaharu Teshima, a spokesman for Nagoya, said that Wenger first indicated that he wanted to resign in early August. He agreed to stay on until the end of the J-League season in November but the situation changed radically with the sudden departure of Rioch.

When Wenger arrives, Arsenal could already be out of the Uefa Cup. They travel to Germany next week, for their first-round, second-leg tie against Borussia Mönchengladbach, with a 3-2 deficit. Wenger will also have to address the problems of Tony Adams, the club captain, who has admitted to alcoholism.

"It's very unfortunate but I've always seen him as a courageous player," Wenger said. "There will be changes eventually but, in Tony's case, I will want to see him to stress that he is very much part of my plans."

Wenger, who joined AS Monaco in 1987 and guided them to the French championship title in his first season in charge, will be hoping to bring a semblance of normality, and sanity, back to Highbury. "There has been a lot of upheaval at the club in recent weeks and I will be looking for some stability as well as bringing in new ideas," he said.

FA brings in breath tests for players to help clubs

By John Goodbody

PLAYERS are to undergo random breath tests after matches and training sessions as the Football Association begins a new drive to warn of the dangers of alcohol.

The governing body's concern has been heightened by the revelation at the weekend from Tony Adams, the England defender and Arsenal captain, that he is an alcoholic, while Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, has spoken of his worry about the "pop-star lifestyles" of some leading players.

The FA yesterday emphasised that it had planned to introduce these tests before the admission of Adams. However, after several drugs scandals in football, the FA is increasingly worried about the reputation of the national game.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "We will be testing players at every professional League club this season, either after matches or at the end of training sessions.

"Last season, we announced a programme of 500 drugs tests that would be carried out and, as part of this process, a substantial proportion will include breath-testing players for the presence of alcohol."

Double said that a positive test for alcohol would be registered where a player recorded a reading above the drink-drive limit of 35 micrograms per 100 millilitres of breath.

"The object of the exercise is to identify those players who do have a problem and bring this to the attention of the club's medical staff," he added.

In the past two years, Paul Merson, Adams's Arsenal colleague, has admitted using cocaine, and Roger Stanislaus, the Leyton Orient defender, tested positive for the same drug. In this period, eight professional players have been found to have taken marijuana and one has tested positive for amphetamines.

Edwards encouraged in chase for Nadal

MANCHESTER UNITED moved quickly to put the signing of Miguel Angel Nadal back on course yesterday. After a phone call from Barcelona, Martin Edwards, the United chairman and chief executive, flew to Spain to meet Barcelona officials (Peter Ball writes).

Reports had suggested that Barcelona were having second thoughts about allowing the defender to leave, but Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "The chairman has been in contact with Barcelona and we are still confident that the deal will go through despite what was being said over the weekend."

Manchester City's search for a new manager moved closer to success yesterday. Dave Bassett, the Crystal Palace manager, had talks with the City chairman, Francis Lee, on Saturday and is expected to be appointed in the next 48 hours.

Surrey's shortcomings leave title ambitions in the hands of rivals

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

CARDIFF (final day of four): Glamorgan (9pts) drew with Surrey (1l)

A SECOND trophy, and one for which they would undoubtedly trade in their first, remains tantalisingly within Surrey's reach. This, though, was not the triumphal day that they had in mind after winning the Sunday league. The wide grins and euphoria of a day earlier were replaced by long faces and fraying tempers in a finish that strayed dramatically from Surrey's prescribed script.

After a deflating failure to bowl out Glamorgan, and some posturing over Matthew Maynard's justifiable reluctance to declare, Surrey had a brief, brave but futile dash at a target of 336 in an eventual 51 overs. It ended in a scrambled draw, a scrap to deny Glamorgan's spinners and the knowledge that their championship prospects now depend upon a rare favour from their metropolitan rivals, Middlesex.

The hopes of Essex expired yesterday but Kent, by spectacularly defeating Hampshire, can still dream. When the final round of fixtures begins on Thursday, Leicestershire require 11 points — a draw with full bonus points — from their home game with Middlesex to be certain of taking the title. If they lose, either Surrey or Kent can overtake them by winning.

Victory here would have restored Surrey to their previous position at the shoulder of the leaders, a single point adrift. They fell short through the one omission that could not be cured by improved spirit and motivation. Quite simply, they do not possess a slow bowler likely to win them a match. This is not something that Surrey deny — indeed, they are actively seeking to put it right in time for next season — but it has been their undoing before and it was once more yesterday.

Nothing could have endorsed this more plainly than their need to employ Nadeem Shahid unchanged for three hours at the start of play. Shahid purveys interesting leg spin, with an action and accompanying grunt eerily reminiscent of Shane Warne. The effect, however, is somewhat diminished and, although he responded admirably to take three wickets, they were his first in the championship all season.

Richard Pearson, whose off spin played a decisive role in the Sunday victory, lacks the guile and nous to penetrate on good pitches in championship cricket. Whether this Sophia Gardens surface deserves to be called "good" is debatable, for it was so slow and low as to frustrate bowlers of all types, yet it did sustain the contest over four intriguing days with a twist in the tail.

Surrey's first task was to split the Glamorgan fourth-wicket pair who had stymied them through the evening session on Saturday. It was almost an hour before they did so, Shahid bowling Cottey for 83, but two more wickets before lunch put Surrey on top. Dale top-edged an attempted sweep and James, having completed his seventh century of the season, was a classical leg-spin victim, caught at slip.

At this point, Glamorgan led by only 204 with six wickets down. The door was ajar for Surrey but they were not equipped to kick it down. They took the new ball after lunch but left Shahid bowling, as if aware that the seamers could do no better. After Croft and Shaw had perkily added 79, and the lead stretched to 300, Alec Stewart unstrapped his pads to have a bowl.

He probably knew in his heart that Maynard owed him no favours, but ten Surrey players had bowled and the tension of the day was visible by the time Glamorgan finally called a halt. Surrey responded valiantly, promoting first Julian, then Hollioake and Lewis, but the pre-tea sprint of ten runs an over could not realistically be sustained.

Wickets fell regularly, three to a masterful spell from Robert Croft, and once Hollioake's glittering 85, made from only 70 balls, had ended, Surrey were grateful for the three points. They may yet be crucial, though Leicestershire have it in their own hands to decree otherwise.

Photograph, page 46
Mighty McCague, page 46

TOP OF TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Leicestershire	16	9	1	6	53	57	272
Surrey	16	8	1	7	49	60	258
Kent	16	9	1	8	47	48	257
Essex	16	8	4	4	54	55	249

Remaining fixtures
LEICESTERSHIRE: Sept 19: v Middlesex (Leicester)
SURREY: Sept 19: v Worcestershire (Oval)
KENT: Sept 19: v Gloucestershire (Bristol)
ESSEX: Sept 19: v Glamorgan (Chelmsford)

CARDIFF SCOREBOARD

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 364 (A Dale 90, M P Maynard 82)

Second Innings

S P James c Thorpe b Shahid	131
H Morris c Stewart b Julian	17
D L Hemp b Benjamin	8
*M P Maynard c Lewis b Pearson	16
P A Cottey b Shahid	83
A Dale c Stewart b Shahid	11
†A D Shaw c Lewis b Butcher	74
R D B Croft c Lewis b Butcher	38
D A Cosker not out	8
S L Watkin c sub b Butcher	0
O T Parkin not out	8
Extras (b 5, lb 20, w 5, nb 18)	48
Total (9 wkts dec)	442

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-56, 3-94, 4-262, 5-286, 6-311, 7-390, 8-434, 9-434.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 12-2-37-0; Lewis 14-4-46-0; Julian 8-1-40-1; Benjamin 10-2-25-1; Hollioake 5-1-12-0; Pearson 34-7-88-1; D J Bicknell 5-0-26-0; Shahid 29-5-96-3; Butcher 5-0-23-3; Stewart 2-0-24-0.

SURREY: First Innings 471 for 9 dec (N Shahid 79, G P Thorpe 77, M P Bicknell 59 not out, C C Lewis 57, A J Hollioake 51; D A Cosker 4 for 142)

Second Innings

B P Julian c Dale b Watkin	0
M A Butcher c Shaw b Parkin	9
A J Hollioake low b Croft	85
C C Lewis st Shaw b Croft	40
J E Benjamin c and b Croft	2
D J Bicknell not out	27
*†A J Stewart c Cottey b Cosker	2
G P Thorpe c Dale b Cosker	10
N Shahid not out	24
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 2)	6
Total (7 wkts)	205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-15, 3-84, 4-86, 5-154, 6-157, 7-171.

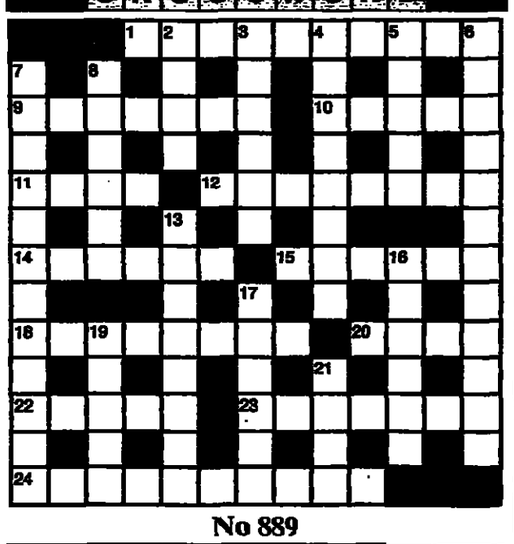
BOWLING: Watkin 3.4-0-26-1; Parkin 3-0-42-1, Croft 22-6-49-3; Cosker 20-6-80-2; Maynard 1-1-0-0; Cottey 1-0-4-0.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and A Clarkson.



Shahid: three-hour spell

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



No 889

ACROSS
1 General mêlée (4-3-3)
9 Put down; a part-payment (7)
10 Pulsate (5)
11 Portentous sign (4)
12 Round; piece of junk mail (8)
14 Dead jester (*Hamlet*) (6)
15 S Vietnam capital; Miss —, musical (6)
18 For all to share (8)
20 Ready money (4)
22 Scent (5)
23 Wariness (7)
24 The recent past (10)

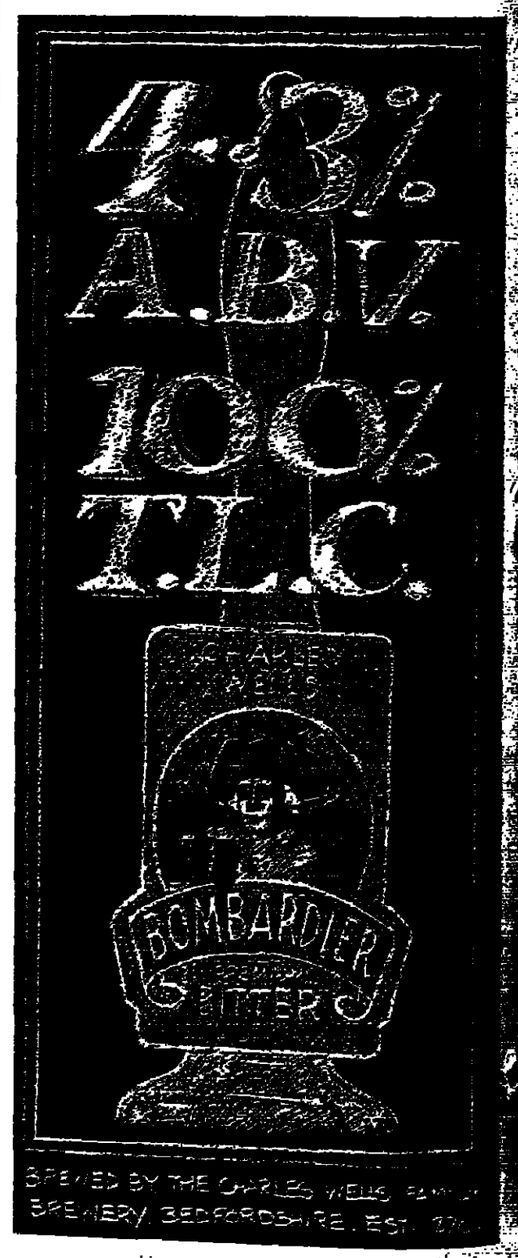
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2 Ploy (4)
3 Bring about; restrict (inheritance) (6)
4 Spectacle-maker (8)
5 Month *Oh, to be in England* (5)
6 Mazelike (12)
7 Quirk of personality (12)
8 Seem; turn up (6)
13 Exact (8)
16 For nothing (6)
17 Easy to remember (tune) (6)
19 Ties up; high ground (5)
21 Russian parliament (4)

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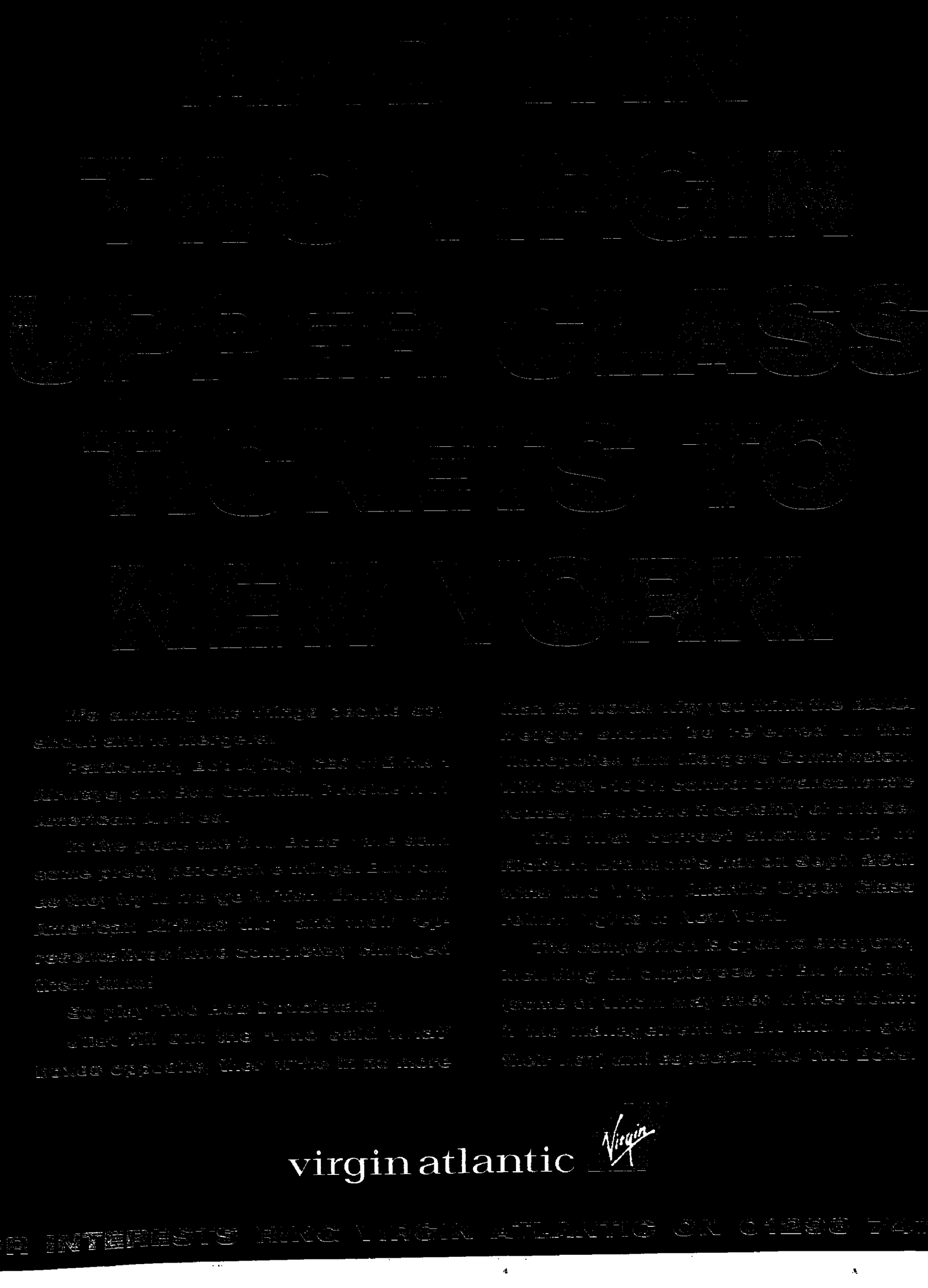
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Bridging the gap year

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OPTIONS

WORKING ABROAD
School-leavers often think of VSO when planning a year abroad — but placements are for a minimum of two years and you must be at least 20. There are, however, more than 40 organisations that can help students to plan gap years: three are detailed here, the rest can be tracked down through any of the books in the Reading section below.

Gap Activity Projects (GAP) (01734 594914) is an educational charity which organises voluntary work in more than 30 countries. There is a £25 registration fee and a £420 placement fee. You will have to pay for your flights, insurance and, if necessary, a £200 TEFL course. In return you get free board and pocket money for placements lasting from six to nine months.

Project Trust (01879 230 444) offers posts for students wanting to do voluntary work for at least nine months. Apply the year before if possible. Candidates do a one-week selection course and pay £2,950.

Gap Challenge, World Challenge Expeditions (FTG) (0181 961 1122) sends students in small groups to Belize, Ethiopia, India, Nepal and Tanzania for three to six-month placements as teachers or social workers. Placements cost £1,200 which includes a training course, return flight and accommodation.

STAYING IN THE UK
Homebodies should consider becoming a Community Service Volunteer. Each year 3,000 young people work on projects ranging from helping the homeless in Glasgow to living with people with learning difficulties in Wales. You must be 16-35 and willing to work away from home full-time for four to 12 months. You will have free accommodation and meals, plus £22.50 a week. *No one* is rejected. Phone 0800 374991.

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL
It may seem daunting to head off into the unknown without formulated plans, but don't worry — you will not be alone. There are well-trodden routes full of people in the same pickle as yourself, and flexibility is one of the joys of travel.

● Round-the-world tickets incorporating stop-offs in Singapore, Brunei, Perth, Sydney, Aukland, Fiji, Raratonga, Honolulu and Los Angeles start at £695.

● Inter-rail tickets are priced by zones and range from £185 to £275. Most are valid for one month. Not all European countries participate in the scheme.

● Eurobus prices range from £99 for two weeks to £235 for three months. In America: Greyhound Bus passes cost £195 for 30 days. A Canada Pass is £99 for seven days.

● Travel agents: STA Travel has more than 100 offices worldwide and negotiates cheap fares for students: 0171 361 6161 (Europe); 0171 361 6262 (Worldwide). Trailfinders has a terrific reference library: 0171 937 5499 (Europe and US); 0171 938 3939 (Long-haul).

RAISING FUNDS

Gap Activity Projects recommends that as well as conventional ways of raising funds such as bar work, students should hold their own sponsored events.

Organisations offering sponsorship to students include Rotary International (0171-487-5429); Lions Club International (01254-81366); and the Round Table (0121-456-4402) and the Chamber of Commerce (0171-248-4444). Students' applications must explain what they hope to achieve in their gap year.

WHAT TO PACK

Overpacking is a common mistake made by first-time travellers. Lay out all the items you think you will need, then reduce it by half. If you are going to a hot country, limit rucksack size to a 35-litre (£35-£50). Avoid buying more than a 65-litre (£85-£140) pack. It is vital to secure your luggage: if locks are not provided, buy mini padlocks which clip on to luggage zip-tags. Also take a smaller day bag for valuables and things you may need in a hurry.

Useful things to pack include: a light waterproof, torch, penknife, inner-sheet, string, padlock, mini towel, sewing kit, water bottle, flip-flops (for use in unsavory bathrooms). Pack everything in individual plastic bags.

Invest in lightweight gear sold in specialist shops such as YHA Adventure Shops (0171 836 8541), Blacks (0171 636 6645) and Millets (0171 936 1977).

SAFETY

● The biggest danger in the Third World is traffic. In India, trains are safer than buses. In Bangkok, avoid tuk-tuks (motorised rickshaws).

● Never rent a motorbike in Asia: bad roads, bad bikes, worse lorry drivers. And don't get on a motorbike-taxi with a heavy rucksack — you will topple over.

● Lock your train compartment in Europe: organised gangs have been known to chloroform sleeping passengers and rob them.

● Wear a money belt under your shirt or trousers. And don't assume that fellow travellers in hostels are trustworthy.

● If you change your travel plans, let somebody know. Phone home regularly.

● Know where you're going before you set out each day. Avoid standing on street corners flapping a map around — and find out about no-go areas.

● Beware of bogus advice from gung-ho travellers.

● Be aware of culture gaps with regard to scanty clothing etc.

● Don't be fooled by the ready availability of drugs in countries where they are nonetheless illegal. Strenuous efforts are made to trap foreigners in possession.

If you have any doubts, get in touch with the Foreign Office Travel Advice Unit (0171 270 4129) or its recorded information service (0374 500900)

HEALTH

VACCINATIONS
Find out whether you need any jabs at least two months before you travel. Your local GP or health centre should have the relevant information and will give jabs free. The medical advisory service for travellers at the London School of Tropical Medicine (0171-631-4408) is a valuable source of information.

FOOD AND DRINK
Tap water is best avoided as are ice, salads, ice-cream and unboiled milk. Sterilisation pills are available for water, although their taste is unpleasant. Stick to freshly prepared food.

INSURANCE
Make sure your insurance covers medical expenses plus your luggage, passport and tickets.

EMERGENCIES

The most likely emergencies are that you become ill or lose your money. The loss or theft of travellers cheques or credit cards should *always* be reported to the police. Then as quickly as possible, ring someone at home and ask them to cancel your credit cards.

If you are completely broke you could contact the nearest British Embassy or Consulate. They cannot bail you out but should advise you.

Health can be more of a problem. For minor ailments, ask at a pharmacy for advice. A small medical kit is also a sensible thing to carry (including sterile needles).

READING

● *The Gap Year Guidebook* 1997/98, Peridot Press, 2 Blenheim Crescent, London W11 1NN (0171 221 7404). £7.95 plus 50p p&p.

● *Taking A Year Off* by Val Butcher, Trotman and Co, 12 Hill Rise, Richmond TW10 6UA. £7.95 plus £1.60 p&p (0181 332 2132).

● *A Year Off, A Year On?* Hobsons, Bateman St, Cambridge CB2 1BR. £8.99 incl p&p from Biblios, Star Rd, Partridge Green, West Sussex RH13 8LD.

● Booklets on teaching English as a foreign language and teaching abroad: £2.35 and an s.a.e to AGCAS, Crawford House, Precinct Centre, Manchester M13 9EP.

● *How To Spend A Year Abroad* by Nick Vandome. Part of the *How To* series, £8.99.

● The *Rough Guide* and *Lonely Planet* series.

I won't skin rabbits

TONY WHITE



Staying together, for now: Erin and Sally Baker

THE DAUGHTER: IT IS NOT AN EASY OPTION

A gap year is not the easy option. After only a day of trying to plan mine, I realise that. I have just done the unthinkable and turned down a place for this October at a fine university in order to chase a place for 1997 at an even more prestigious establishment.

Hooray, I thought. Now I'll go off and do good deeds, attempt exciting challenges and travel the world. The university of my dreams won't fail to be impressed, and my mother will never nag me again about doing something useful with my life.

It was only when I sat down to make a list of all the possibilities for my year out that the terrible thought struck me: what do I actually want to do? Unlike one friend, I do not relish the thought of skinning a rabbit on a Raleigh International expedition or raising the huge amount of money needed to do it. On the other hand, I do enjoy expeditions and travelling. Thus I decided to complete my Duke of Edinburgh gold award and to try to arrange a visit to Bonn to practise my A-level German and earn some money while I'm out there.

> 'A terrible thought struck, what do I want to do?'

The rest of my plans fell into place owing to the pressure that practically everyone having a gap year faces, namely finances and university expectations. The first clearly involves getting a job. For my gap year friends and myself this seems to be the easiest part so far. I've got an interview arranged for temporary work until January. It's the "university expectations" bit that's the tricky part.

I know that many institutions are happy to let their prospective students mature and develop of their own accord throughout the year and are just relieved to see them turn up in one piece the following October, knowing that they haven't become disenchanted with the idea of higher education altogether.

Others, however, demand an indication of a plan before deciding whether or not to interview candidates. I have yet to find out how thoroughly they check whether your stated plans are eventually fulfilled. I rather suspect it is up to the integrity of each student — I don't see how else another friend ended up being a dinner lady at the local primary school after assuring her university she was going to Zimbabwe.

It was never my intention to have a gap year, but now that I am busily immersed in organising the next 12 months and reapplying for university, I can think of a thousand sensible reasons for doing so: I would have been barely 18 when I started my degree; I was feeling extremely nervous about heading for the other end of Britain in two weeks' time and, despite the views of my parents, I fervently believe that now is the best time to take a year out.

The tight job market increases the pressure for work experience. Most university application forms as well as the Ucas forms ask for details of experience.

Having argued energetically in favour of a gap year, however, I can still remember that less than a month ago I thought it out of the question. There was nothing I felt the burning desire to do, unlike a few of my friends who just knew they had to go and teach English in Malaysia or work in a church in inner-city Birmingham. In my mind's eye, I had my future mapped out step by step for the next year at least. Now I am planning a stint at Marks & Spencer. As they say, the best laid plans . . .

ERIN BAKER

THE MOTHER: AT LEAST SHE IS SPARED FROM THE WHITE SLAVERS

Gap year? Gap between what and what? Childhood and adulthood? Only if you class students as adults. Poverty and greater poverty? Undoubtedly. And guess who will end up bridging that gap?

But that's enough grumbling. I am as thrown by Erin's late change of plan as she is, since I agreed with her initial judgment that she would not wait a year before embarking on the next educational journey. But she achieved such remarkable A-level results that if she now wants to try for the very best, I am nervously behind her.

So the crucial thing, in my boringly predictable parental view, is not to commit the cardinal sin of Wasting Her Time. The catch, of course, is that we define waste rather differently.

The following exchange took place almost immediately the decision to defer university was taken.

Erin: "I'm not going abroad."

Me: "Oh yes you are."

Erin: "Oh no I'm not."

I had naturally assumed she would be following in the dusty footsteps of so many of her peers and heading for Nepal, Singapore, Sydney, Thailand and anywhere else that the youth of the world gather to share exotic substances.

On reflection, however, why is that such a great idea? It will cost us jointly a fortune and will not necessarily be a better preparation for life than a period of voluntary work locally as part of her Duke of Edinburgh gold award, which otherwise she might not have been able to complete.

Moreover, her projected stint at Marks & Spencer dealing with harassed consumers will be not only an education but a money-earner.

So it looks as if I'm stuck with her for a bit longer. And if she subsequently makes it as far as Bonn (not Abroad with a capital A) to keep up her German, I shall at least be spared some of the nightmare visions of her falling prey to some tropical disease, or into the clutches of a white slave trader.

SALLY BAKER



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CHANGING TIMES

'This old age pensioner is rather enjoying herself right now'

Britain's former spy chief, **Stella Rimington,** writes about the pleasures of life with a bus pass

As Director-General of MI5, you know things. Not all about everyone's private life, but you do know quite a lot of what's going on in the country and in the world. A former head of the French Renseignements Généraux, which is roughly equivalent to MI5, once told me that he was required to keep his finger on the pulse of France, so that the President could judge every day the health of the nation.

As chief of MI5 you have no such wide-ranging monitoring task, but you do sit at the head of an efficient machine, working to produce assessed intelligence about what is threatening the security of the State.

At the same time, though, you are quite insulated from day-to-day life. You are driven from place to place; you rarely use public transport. If you go shopping you do it in a rush, dashing in for a trolley-load of convenience food on your way home from work. You don't have a lot of time or opportunity to socialise, except on official business, or to chat with the window-cleaner or the milkman, or even with your children. You rely for your information about everyday affairs, heaven help you, on the newspapers.

I have found that now I have emerged, blinking, into the daylight, and have time to look around me, the world seems to have moved on from when I last really noticed it. And rather than finding, as I was expecting, that everything had got worse, to my amazement quite a lot of things seem to be better than I remember them. Perhaps it is because so much of my time, for so many years, has been focused on the activities of unpleasant people, like terrorists and spies, that the sheer relief of not having to think about them anymore has generated an unrealistic euphoria. I hope it is not only that.

> 'I know crowds conceal muggers and mad axemen'

Surprisingly enough, for one who had been travelling around London by bus and Tube for years, I was quite nervous about launching forth again. I had read how public transport had deteriorated and I was expecting to find the Tubes dirty and dangerous and the buses unreliable. Nothing of the kind.

While I've been in purdah, London's buses seem to have changed out of all recognition. In addition to the old familiar double-deckers, there are all those little single-deckers, whizzing around. They seem amazingly efficient, and using my free senior citizen's bus pass, I leap on and off with gay abandon. They come on time and the drivers are friendly and helpful. Twice recently, I have been on a bus, which made extra stops to let off people closer to their homes than the bus stop — somebody with heavy bags and a woman with a baby and a pram. It is probably quite illegal, but the driver wanted to help. I have noticed that the drivers often stop and open the doors again when they see someone running to catch the bus.

Don't I remember the days when they would have accelerated away with glee in such circumstances? Maybe it is because I always travelled in the rushhour before, when all the rest of the passengers would have complained at such kindnesses.

I am sure that there are far more people around than I remember. At all times of the day, the buses and Tubes, the streets and the shops and even the picture galleries seem to be full, and they are certainly not all tourists.

I avoid the rushhour, but even what once would have been the quiet times are as busy as the rushhour used to be. I know that the crowds conceal muggers and mad axemen, but I have not come across any yet, and to me, participating in it all for the first time for some years, it seems lively and interesting.

And practically everyone seems to be wearing training shoes. It must be because they are particularly comfortable. You see middle-aged or quite old people with staid-looking top halves, sporting huge white shoes with pink and purple flashes.

But why does everyone seem to be swearing all the time? I have not led a sheltered life, but I am constantly taken aback, as I eavesdrop on people talking to each other in public places, at the extent to which obscenities seem to have become part of the everyday language of conversation. There is a national shortage of adjectives and it is not only among the young.

I feel cheerful about the young on the whole. At least about the young I meet. Those who get on the buses are as rude and aggressive as they always were. But the young people I talk to, and I have met quite a lot in the last few months at various university dos and school prizegivings, are very self-possessed and lucid and sure about what they want to do, and apparently prepared to work hard to achieve their objectives. And they are certainly not all motivated primarily by money. The schools and universities must be doing something right.

I used to be very proud of the young people who came into the Security Service, when I saw how quickly they mastered the work and how enthusiastic and committed they were to be doing a job that they thought, quite correctly, was of great importance to the country. Of course, we chose them very carefully, but there was no shortage of good candidates.

The young, rightly, expect a lot from their employers. They expect to be trained properly and to be managed well and to have their views listened to and taken seriously.

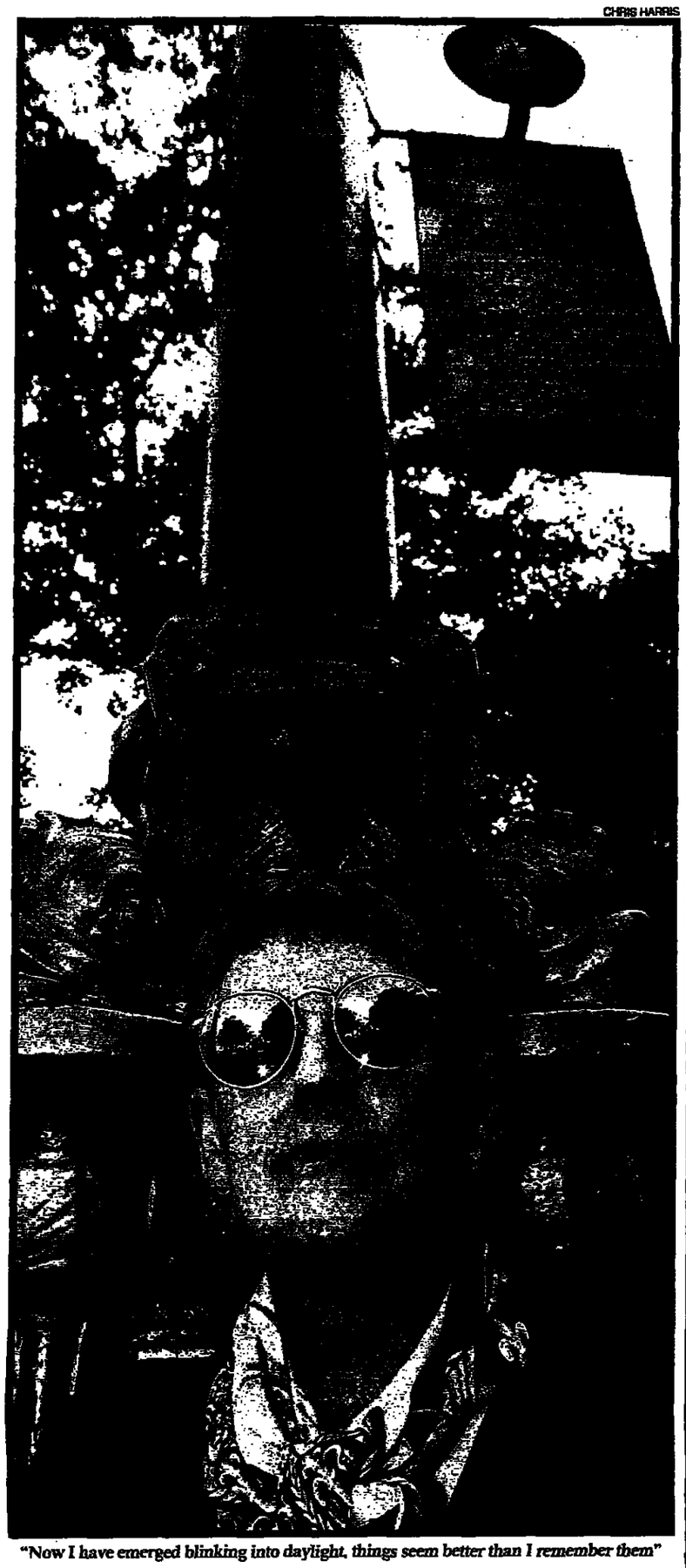
It has struck me, as I go about, that people are, on the whole, better trained to do their jobs than they used to be. The standard of service seems to be higher. Now that I am not always in a rush, I have time to talk and to ask questions and, most of the time, I get sensible and polite replies. I do not think I could have counted on that a few years ago.

The other day, probably rather unfairly, I asked someone who was working on a cash-till in a branch of a well-known chainstore, to explain the reasoning behind her employer's policy on credit cards.

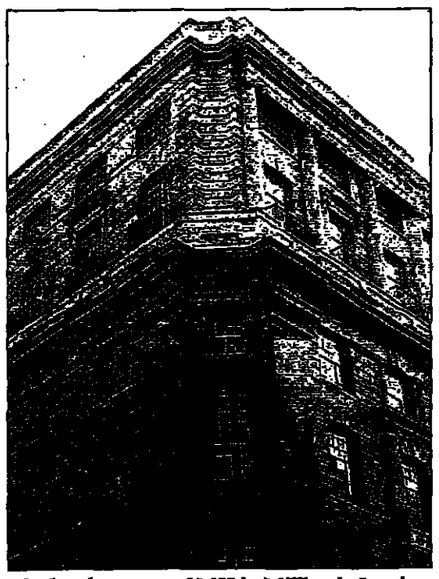
She gave me a most courteous and coherent reply, without slowing down her task of ringing up my purchases on the till and packing them into bags. I suspect that until quite recently I might have got at best a blank stare and quite possibly a rude reply.

My rose-tinted spectacles will, I know, begin to change colour as I get further into my new life. But for the moment, one old age pensioner is rather enjoying herself.

CHRIS HARRIS



"Now I have emerged blinking into daylight, things seem better than I remember them"



The headquarters of MI5 in Millbank, London

Tragedy of the Titanic — and the voices that kept haunting me

Novelist **Beryl Bainbridge** on how writing about a famous marine disaster changed her view of ghosts

I am not the sort of person who believes in ghosts, but I am beginning to take on board the idea that someone who is engaged in turning an historical event into a work of fiction could, quite possibly, become a kind of transmitter of voices from the past.

In the small hours of the morning of April 15, 1996, I was wrestling with the writing of the last few pages of my novel entitled *Every Man for Himself*. Such a phrase has, of course, two meanings; the first being an injunction bawled out to his crew by the captain of a sinking ship; the second a truthful, if cynical, observation on the nature of man. I was working on a word processor in the top back room of a Victorian terraced house in Camden Town. From the window, over the blurred splodge of the tree in next door's garden, rose the pale outline of the old Craven A cigarette factory, now known as Greater London House, whose gleaming bulk rears up like the stern of some vast ocean liner tethered in the dry dock of Mornington Crescent.

In my mind I was on the deck of the steamship *Titanic*, which sank on her maiden voyage to New York in the early hours of April 15, 1912.

Most novelists enjoy writing the concluding pages of a book; there are few things more satisfying in life than that last gallop towards the final paragraph. Always before, I'd known what I wanted to say at the end, often before I knew what I wanted to say at the beginning, and although the results never matched up to the expectations, at least I'd never been at a loss for words.

The process is usually helped by a brief moment — it can happen at any stage in a book — when two or three sentences write themselves, or rather, the thoughts ride in like the cavalry. For me, this had happened in the previous chapter, during a scene in the restaurant when one of my characters, called Morgan, sticking to his newfound resolve never to drink again, begins to feel "queer". "I had to go on eating because if I looked up I might see faces pressed to the window, hands clawing the glass."

After this unexpected but helpful intervention it was not too difficult to write of the events surrounding the great ship's collision with the iceberg which, to a sound like the tearing of calico, ripped a 300ft gash in her side. Now, the last lifeboat having rowed away, the lights still blazing and the orchestra still playing *Nearer My God to Thee*, I was one of the 1,500 souls left on board.

Not all of us, of course, were on the top deck, clawing our way upwards as the stern began to lift from the water. Benjamin Guggenheim and his valet had gone below to change into evening



Bainbridge: Ordeal

dress, so as to "die like gentlemen." Mrs Straus, wife of the millionaire who owned Macey's store in New York, was guided towards a lifeboat, but had refused to board without her husband. He, offered a place owing to his advanced years, declined, at which Mrs Straus is reported to have said: "We shall stay together, old dear. As we have lived, so shall we die." They then went and sat on deckchairs, holding hands.

In my head I considered writing of a blazing row between them, in which she called him an arrogant old fool for not getting into the lifeboat, but thought better of it. It would have been arrogance on my part. Four decks below, seawater lapping their ankles, the steerage passengers ran screaming along the labyrinth of corridors.

Alas, the cavalry having charged past, words failed me. I was left peering at that damned screen, fingers poised on the letters and nothing in my head. It was then that I heard noises. Not screams exactly, just raised voices. I actually thought I was being burgled though I couldn't understand why they had come in such numbers. I crept downstairs, but no sooner had I reached the first landing than the voices ceased. I checked my bedside wireless to see if it had been left on, but it had fallen off the table and the batteries had rolled under the fringes of the counterpane. Convinced it was just my imagination, somewhat loud, at play, I returned to my desk. After a struggle, I continued with the story.

I was in the middle of describing the ship's death-dive and my leap into the ocean — when the voices began again. This time I stayed put, arm pressed to my mouth. My lips were dry and I licked the skin of my wrist and nearly gagged on the taste of salt. I wasn't frightened, simply curious. I couldn't make out the words going on downstairs; the tone wasn't hysterical or verging on panic, merely the sort of hum one can hear at any literary party.

At dawn, when I was reaching the end, I stood at the window and watched the way the tree next door tossed in the wind, obliterating the ventilation shaft of Greater London House. The voices had grown louder than before, as though people were bidding each other farewell. Then the last sentence came to me: "Beyond where the sun was beginning to show its burning rim, smoke blew from a funnel."

No sooner had I put the final stop, then abruptly the voices died away. I swear the following silence was the most frightening sound of all.

Some weeks later, I was told of a strange incident in Ireland. A friend had gone for a walk and sat down to rest on a bench near some trees. She immediately began to shiver and felt extremely depressed, so much so that she returned home in a distressed state. It was discovered that she had been sitting on a bench dedicated to the memory of Bruce Isamy, a director of the Cunard shipping line, who was pilloried for the rest of his life for being one of the few survivors of the *Titanic* disaster. It was thought that, like the captain, he should have gone down with his ship.

Maybe I believe in ghosts after all.

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Brussels: too bossy for its own good

Paddy Ashdown says members must be allowed to leave the EU

The governance of the European Union is wide, weak and loosely defined, when it ought to be narrow, strong and sharply defined. Both the Conservative and Labour parties will go into the coming election sitting on the fence about Britain's European future. The Tories, facing partition, are paralysed. Labour, equally divided, has decided that safety lies in silence. The Liberal Democrats will stand firm on our long-standing commitment to enlargement, democratic deepening and decentralisation within the European Union — as well as to a referendum on any further change in our constitutional relations with Europe.

Yet while Britain's European debate has been debased by internal party wrangling, the debate on the European mainland has moved on. The key issue in Europe now is about so called "variable geometry": how the Union is to differentiate between those member states which want to integrate more closely and those which either cannot or choose not to. However superficially attractive "variable geometry" is as a slogan for British Euro-sceptics, it is rather less palatable in the face of lost influence, damaged interests and exclusion from key decisions.

> We need a less fussy and less bossy Union

One thing is clear: Germany and its close partners are determined to build a federal core within the existing EU, even if Britain blocks it. So we face the prospect of relegating ourselves to the periphery, along with Europe's weaker states.

This should concentrate the minds of Europhobes and Europhiles alike on the task of defining the essential activities that member states must hold in common. These are the four freedoms of movement — of people, of money, of goods and of services — which form the foundations of the single market.

Consolidation of the single market requires streamlined institutions, capable of understanding and implementing the principle of subsidiarity. This means a Commission able to exercise self-restraint, especially when tempted by supplicant pressure groups to intervene to right some perceived domestic wrong which is none of their business. It also requires a robust Court of Justice to arbitrate disputes.

But we also need a less fussy and less bossy Union, and a new organisation of priorities. There is something profoundly wrong with a Europe which is able to protect us from mouldy cheese and overwork, but not from environmental degradation; a Europe that can stop us selling beef beyond Europe, but cannot stop a war in the Balkans.

A European Union pared down to essentials would have to reconsider its social dimension. There is a natural social dimension to a single market — conditions applying to workers across the European Union — but they must be kept to a minimum. It is on this basis that the Liberal Democrats support the social chapter. Its significance is exaggerated by opponents and proponents alike. If it really were a threat to Britain's enterprise economy, Liberal Democrats would not support it. The real threat is from a steady stream of social policy "add-ons" which will continue to come from Brussels if Britain opts out of a central role in the social policy debate.

Europe's early incursions into the social field undoubtedly had beneficial results, particularly on equal opportunities. But that does not necessarily make them right. The only basis for EU involvement in social policy is if it directly affects the single market. In the absence of convincing evidence of cross-border "social dumping", what case is there for EU involvement?

I sometimes fear we are in danger of tying ourselves rigidly to objectives designed in the 1950s, and that our collective effort to enhance the flexibility and competitiveness of Europe's economy is impeded by outmoded orthodoxy.

There are two internal threats to the EU, both driven by an outdated notion of the nation-state. There are the "little nation-staters" who want to go back to a Europe of competing nation states, and there are the "big nation-staters" who want to turn Europe into one super nation-state. Both are wrong. We have grown out of big government, and we do not want to recreate big government in a centralised, uniform superstate.

The inter-governmental conference could do much to set the European Union on a new track. First, we should simplify and rationalise existing treaties, so that people are more likely to know how they are governed, by whom and from where. Secondly, we should bring all civil liberties issues under the jurisdiction of the Court of Justice — so that British citizens caught up in legal entanglements in other EU countries, for example, are better able to right their wrongs. Thirdly, we should abolish Article 235 — the clause of near "general competence" — to reassure the citizen about the extent of the Union's competences and to stop creeping EU legislation. And fourthly, we should introduce the right of voluntary secession for member states who wish to leave. That, at least, should concentrate the minds of anti-Europeans who have no responsibility to answer the fundamental question: do you want to be in or out?

Here is an agenda for Europe which would at last decisively shift the course of the EU away from the politicians' Europe of the Maastricht process and begin to create a people's Europe which can command wider support and break the fatalism which infects the EU's institutions and its politicians. Here is an agenda which, with Britain leading, couldwin wide support at the inter-governmental conference. Here is an opportunity for us — if only we could lift our heads far enough above the ballot box to see it.



What's the big idea *for*?

Farewell, you dead and dying -isms. We shan't miss you at all

Libby Purves

Goodbye, then, socialism. Give our regards to communism, and while you're at it remember us to monetarism, Thatcherism, free-marketism and soggy old liberalism. You won't lack for old acquaintance; Conservatism and royalism look like joining you before long in the land of exiled -isms. Keep clear of those horrid twins from over the Irish Sea, Unionism and Republicanism, who with luck will be over shortly to complement such black museum pieces as Fascism and Nazism. Goodbye, all you dead and dying -isms. We shan't have time to miss you, for we have work to do.

I do not presume to go around like some cut-price Fukuyama formally announcing "the death of ideology". No such luck: it will be back, it always is. However, it would be nice to think we could announce a brief respite from certain battered, pawed-over old political packages. There is something irresistibly exhilarating in the sight of Tony Blair's blithe henchmen spring-cleaning the fusty old union cupboards, shaking out 50 years-worth of rancid fluff, and putting Roy Hattersley out for the bin-men. This new and cavalier attitude to sacred systems obliquely inspired me, yesterday morning, to rip down from the kitchen wall a completely useless year-planner chart covered in incomprehensible dots. Back in hopeful January it seemed like the answer to everything, a one-year plan to reform a chaotic and unsatisfactory life. It didn't work, so rather than sing hymns to it or blame a conspiracy for sabotaging it, I ripped it down, new Labour style, and threw it out. Then I went through my desk discarding the union barons of my life: a hundred nasty scraps of paper representing projects which never matured, ideas which seemed bright at the time, correspondents who have since rung up anyway, embryonic books whose moment has passed and memories best left to fade. Out with it, all of it! Clear the decks, roll back the carpet, give us space to think again!

This exhilaration was slightly dimmed by the severe line taken by this paper's leader-writer yesterday when he informed Mr Blair that his views (not a bad set, it always seems to me: optimistic, kindly, commonsensical, practical) are "so commonplace as to be almost meaningless". Therefore, he was told, if he wishes to win the confidence of party and electorate he must "be more specific about his new ideology". I tried to agree: a humble elector, anxious to understand what the real political thinkers, the big boys, are on about. Gosh, yes, perhaps he really ought to define more closely what constitutes Blairism . . .

Suddenly I thought, *why?* Why bother? What is wrong with having ideas which are "commonplace" when you are supposed to represent the common man? What is so wonderful about being specific in your ideology, and what is so heinous about being flexible, pragmatic, and receptive to changing needs? What good have "systems" of political thought done us, or any nation on earth? They are fine in the textbooks, but out in the air they fester. Communism becomes corrupt and toxic, socialism leads to stupid doctrinaire political correctness and debilitating welfarism; trade unionism to the kind of craziness which last week loudly demanded full employment rights for every worker, including casual and part-time, *from the very first day of employment* (so making the prospect of employing anyone at all, ever, too frightening to contemplate).

On the other hand, the Right need not look smug: its sacred cows have generally gone mad too. Monetarism led us into a massive recession. Thatcherism to the very expensive débâcle of the poll tax and — worse — to a sense of enraged alienation in great swathes of the population. Deregulation mania created lunatic bus rivalry to choke up towns such as Oxford; reaching the animal feed industry, it gave the world BSE. The obsession with privatisation has led to repeated utility scandals and to the incipient ruin of the national railway system, the Post Office, and quite likely the BBC.

You can see how it happens: small successes lead on to great foul-ups because theory outranks practicality. Drunk on the experience of Telecom — a rapidly changing high-tech industry ideal for privatisation and able to sell ever newer gimmicks and add-ons — Thatcherite Conservatism moved on to try the same trick on such wildly unsuitable subjects for market forces as the water supply and the cleaning of hospitals.

Back on the Left again, workers' rights were a grand thing to fight for at the beginning, but once the fervour about them was divorced from sense, it led to crazy strikes (remember the 1970s; the great British Leyland cat-droppings strike; the smelly workmate strike?) It led to bodies unburied and rats in the streets and the setting of brother against brother. Oppose doctrinaire unionism with its equally stubborn opposite and I guarantee you will get nowhere at all. It is not a reasonable dispute about wages, but the intransigence of two clashing systems of belief which is the reason the trains keep on stopping for a day at a time and making us all miserable.

It is like the folk-tale about the boy who kept getting his errands wrong. Told to lead a chicken home from market on a string one day, the next day he was sent for butter and dragged that on a string too. Left or Right, all these ideologies began with good ideas: about giving due dignity to working people, protecting the weak, not spending beyond your means, or using the energy of private entrepreneurs to ginger up dull-witted state monopolies.

The trouble is that politicians, needing to cling together in tribes, looking always to "our people", do not dare to cherry-pick the best ideas, use them while they work and dump them when they don't. The moment Mr Blair shows signs of doing exactly this, there is a wail of protest from both sides: Labour diehards say he is selling out, Tories that he is stealing their clothes and therefore must be insincere. Why? Surely the sensible thing is to accept ideas that are appropriate to the moment and the circumstances. Pick the good cherries, and leave the rest for the birds. If, looking at the here-and-now, new Labour thinks that opted-out schools and new union laws are working pretty well, why not keep them? Why is it cause for contumely, if it is prepared to start a new administration not from some idealised spot in the past but from where we actually are now? Conversely, why can't Conservatives think socialist thoughts sometimes, and act on them, without losing face or having to flee across the floor in a storm of jeering?

I suppose that a craving for oven-ready systems runs too deep in all of us ever to be eradicated. Look at the slimming industry: rather than just eating sensibly and taking brisk walks, we become convinced that food combining or seaweed wraps are the secret. Rather than apply a bit of discipline to a deskful of rubbish, we buy personal organisers and time-management systems we never quite master. Rather than evaluate the needs of individual children, we look for a school which turns out a finished product at the right level of the league table. There is even a flourishing little industry in which masterful ladies buy your clothes, decorate your house and even choose your paintings for you.

Millions are made, and rulers elected, because of the temptation to buy packages. Even though we have communications and education without precedent, we are still treated like the subjects of forcible mass-conversion by each crusader in turn. Lazily we collude: "I've always been a socialist", "I'm a true-blue Conservative" or "I'm not political". Boring! Futile! Meaningless!

I have nothing against principles as long as they are basic enough: but why are we dissatisfied with the solid ground of human and Christian kindness, logic, and evidence? It is fair enough to want signposts — history and philosophy and single noble sayings such as America's Declaration of Independence. But we clamour for marked tracks, then for tramlines; and at last we fall for the circular, safety-belted thrill of coasting all the way to *nowhere* on a theme-park ride designed by ideologues and prettied up by spin-doctors. Let me off! I want to walk!

More to the point, I want Mr Blair to. Or Mr Major. Come to think of it, one thing indubitably in his favour is that all attempts to talk of "Majorism" have failed. That's my boy.

How we blocked the bullies

Woodrow Wyatt recalls the union battles of the 1950s

The halcyon days of Labour Party and union alliance were when Attlee was Prime Minister. Ernie Bevin, ruler of the giant Transport and General Workers' Union, was the best Foreign Secretary since the war. Even when in the War Cabinet as Minister of Labour he supervised the T&GWU; and Arthur Deakin, his successor, never fell out with Attlee. Union leaders such as Sam Watson of the miners powerfully supported the Government, using their block votes at conferences and their seats on Labour's national executive to squash tiresome left-wingers. Unions were felt to be a good thing, as was their collaboration with Attlee's team to remedy many social injustices. The unions' closeness to the Labour Party, which they created to get political representation, was not an electorial problem.

The rise of Communist and far Left influence in the unions began to change the public mood, particularly with their drive towards nuclear disarmament. Voters were alarmed when Gaitskell was routed on the issue by the coalition led by Frank Cousins. Gaiskell, to whom I was very close, asked me to attack Cousins. I did, calling him "the bully with the block vote". This caused a mild uproar and earned me the permanent enmity of Cousins and the Left. Union leaders were becoming drunk with power procured through low turnouts from apathetic members in often rigged union elections. There was no secret postal ballot.

Out of Parliament from 1955 to 1959, I revealed the corrupt practices on *Panorama* and in the press. The most spectacular case was the Electricians Union run by the Communist Party. I made a *Panorama* broadcast aimed at members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union at the request of Bill Carron, who was standing for president, pointing out that they were fully entitled to vote for Communists, but they should be aware that if too few non-Communists voted, the union would be taken over by them. Voting increased just enough to defeat the Communist candidates for the three top posts.

I was approached by Jock Byrne, the only non-Communist official left in the Electricians Union. It was brave of him. Expulsion for discussing union affairs with outsiders was automatic. Byrne had been defeated several times in national union elections by brazen ballot-rigging. For example, Blackpool recorded five votes for Byrne and 695 for the Communist, yet only 559 members were entitled to vote. The Dorking branch had 206 members; in the second ballot, Byrne had 20 votes and the Communist 189; and so forth.

As well as making television broadcasts, I gave the evidence to the General Council of the TUC, which refused to act. It did not want its dirty linen washed in public, and in any case the Electricians' Communist leaders, Haxell and Foulkes, always kept their word to the TUC General Council, who did not give a damn how they got their posts. It took nine years to take the case to court, where the fraudulent Communists were removed. The Electricians and the AEU were the first unions to accept my suggestion of secret postal ballots.

This was the basis of the eventual union reforms which were urged upon Margaret Thatcher by myself and a former Communist, Frank Chapple of the Electricians. It took longer than it should have done, for Tory ministers were reluctant to overrule officials who had cosy relations with the union leaders. Thanks to Mrs Thatcher, strikes almost vanished as union leaders became more representative of their members' views and ceased, in the main, to order them to strike when they did not want to. Previously, disobedience to union leaders meant expulsion and unemployment, as the closed shop system allowed only union members to be employed.

Now, with the prospect of another Labour government, the old devil stirs within the hearts of union leaders and strikes are increasing.

In 1979 it was guilt by association with the crippling strikes of the Wilson-Callaghan era that did for Labour. So Tony Blair is publicly cutting the links, and tells us he is not a socialist but a social democrat. Bold stuff — but I don't think he'll get away with it. However it is dressed up, unions still pay more than half of Labour's central and local expenses. Some 4.1 million union members voluntarily pay a political levy of around £2 per head to Labour. These are decent old-fashioned people who believe in a perpetual war against capitalism.

Since Blair says he will pay no more attention to labour than to business or other pressure groups, several million disgusted political levy-payers among the old Labour faithful may well not vote at all; or instead of voting for Mr Blair, the imitation Tory, educated at a grand public school and Oxford, may cross over to John Major, the real Tory who had to leave school at 16. Union-bashing will not win Blair more votes from middle-class wets already in his pocket. Raising the fury and disgust of properly elected union leaders and their sympathisers in and outside the unions is one of Mr Blair's biggest blunders.

Wills clash

A THINLY VEILED satirical work purporting to be Prince William's diary of his first year at Eton has been scratched weeks before publication. Publishing sources suggest that Buckingham Palace may have objected to the book.

Just William: An Eton Diary was due to hit bookshelves next month. However, it has now been withdrawn by Pavilion, the publishing company founded by Sir Tim Rice and Michael Parkinson. Pavilion's autumn catalogue puffs the book, by the journalist and OE Will Buckley, as a diary written by a "13-year-old boy from a famously broken home . . . sent by his warring parents to Eton".

The boy is described as "intimidated, disorientated . . . sweet-natured, bright, yet slightly academically under-powered". One scene features him wrecking a science lab; in another he recounts a call from "Great Granny who was very jolly, tho' I could tell she was a bit tired 'cos she kept slurring her words." Great Granny also warns young William of the perils of taking showers with other boys.

The book features other characters such as Soames, "the jolly, rotund place-man put in by his father", and Dempster, "an oily, terrifying prefect".

Buckingham Palace insists that no pressure was applied, and Buckley refuses to comment. But a publishing friend tipped me the wink: "You know how sensitive everyone is about even photographing William at the moment." Pavilion dismisses the fiasco, saying it was caused by "contractual problems".



"Any other experience?"

DIARY

● *Aramis Fuster, Spain's answer to Mystic Meg, has good news for the Queen. "The British Royal Family has now entered a period of great stability," she writes in the magazine* Tiempo. *"We are going to witness a time of emotional recovery and family reconciliation. I predict tranquillity."*

i.m. G.B.

JOHN REDWOOD was strutting peacock-like yesterday after his bowling performance in a cricket match between Euro-sceptic and Euro-friendly parliamentarians. Victory, by five wickets, went to the Sceptics who concluded the event with a ceremonial burning of the Maastricht treaty.

Redwood took the star turn with two wickets for four runs off three overs. Bill Cash neither batted nor bowled, but that didn't prevent one craven Sceptic from remarking that he played brilliantly.

The ashes of Maastricht are now contained in an urn which will soon bear an inscription based on the report in *Sporting Times* in 1882 of England's defeat at the hands of Australia: "In affectionate remembrance of British sovereignty, which died at Westminster on 2 August 1993 [when the treaty was ratified], deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. R.I.P.

"NB The body will be cremated and the Ashes taken to Brussels."

● *Michael Jackson's tour of Russia is causing concern among the country's forward-looking correspondents. "He has started bringing huge statues of himself on his tours," writes Leonid Zakharov of* Komsomolskaya Pravda, *"made in the worst tradition of totalitarian monumentalism. The only thing he still lacks is a mausoleum with the letters JACKSON, and an honour guard."*



Monumentally wacko

Asda them . . .

THE FIGHT among Conservatives for Tunbridge Wells, a constituency vacated by Sir Patrick Mayhew at the next election, promises to be the liveliest of the Tory "chicken run". On the candidates' shortlist are the preening former minister, Alan Clark; the billowing Dame Janet Fookes, MP for Plymouth; and Archie "The Grocer" Norman, the figerishly ambitious chief executive of Asda.

Clark has been downright ungallant about Dame Janet, claiming in his diaries that she has a "vast arse", and that when in the Commons she always "sits, massively, in the camera-hogging spot just behind the PM". Tunbridge Wells is disgusted.

Norman, the current favourite, is also losing ground. After years of sharing Sir Patrick Mayhew with the Cabinet, the constituency is keen to find a stay-at-home MP. It is feared that Norman may spend more time with his business in Leeds and in Westminster than jawing over European straight-banana rulings with the local *activistas*.



Fookes: size counts

● *No slouch in the marketing game is Norma Major, who publishes her account of the history of Chequers this month. While at Balmoral with her husband this week, she presented the Queen with the first copy of her new work.*

P·H·S

RESTLESS REGIONS

The message of the Po for the Clyde and the Rhine

Umberto Bossi's proclamation of an "independent Padania" in Venice on Sunday was a summer shower. His Northern League's predictions that a million people would flock to its three-day "march" down the River Po proved greatly exaggerated. This latest political stunt cannot be likened to Mussolini's March on Rome, a comparison which his paraded greenshirts seemed openly to invite. And yet the appeal of the separatist libretto he has written should not be dismissed because of the farce attendant on this first performance; the discontents that he is seeking to harness are real and they are not confined to Italians.

Padania is not Catalonia, or even Scotland. The old city-states of Milan, Parma, Mantua and Venice share neither common dynastic histories nor a common institutional heritage that marks them out from the rest of Italy. It is an anti-historical construct; the League cannot even agree on its frontiers. But behind Signor Bossi's opportunistic myth-making is the reality of the North as Italy's dynamic economic core. Northern regionalism, expressed in demands for federal autonomy, was also conjured into existence by Signor Bossi in little over a decade, seemingly out of thin air. It has become a fact of political life; the idea that Italy could become as federal in its system of government as Germany, once unthinkable, is no longer even divisive. Signor Bossi's talent for publicity has now secured a place in the political vocabulary for separatism as well.

His campaign has undoubtedly drawn strength from circumstances peculiar to Italy, notably rising exasperation with Rome's postwar succession of weak, inefficient and corrupt central governments and resentment that the rich North was underwriting the chronically poor and Mafia-ridden Mezzogiorno. But regionalism as a political trend also reflects economic realities. All across the single European market, national borders count for less and less: for example, although Italy south of the Appenines remains a far more important market than Signor Bossi admits, Austria, Slovakia and even Slovenia have become growth areas for the three Veneto regions, while Piedmont's economic ties are increasingly with France and Switzerland.

From "Padania" to Bavaria, European monetary union feeds into regionalist ambitions. Signor Bossi is at his most astute in playing the EMU card, asserting that prosperous independent Padania could make the European premier league with ease were it not shackled to Rome and the South. More broadly, he contends that as power gravitates to Brussels — a proposition that Italians, unlike Britons, find both natural and reassuring — the European Union will render national governments powerless anachronisms. As a European identity develops to the detriment of nationalism, he claims, the future will lie in a federation of self-governing European regions. Many Scots would agree.

The Italian Government, alive to the danger, has promised tax and other concessions and, for the longer run, set up an bicameral commission on constitutional reforms. But if it is to halve Italy's budget deficit within two years, it can ill afford to surrender control of income and expenditure to the regions. And the constitutional reforms will take at least two years to approve and must then be put to a national referendum. That leaves Signor Bossi, or politicians more respectable than he, plenty of time to build support for his "Czechoslovak solution" — outright divorce.

Above all in those European countries which, like Germany, Italy and Belgium, were unified only in the 19th century, weak national governments are exceptionally vulnerable to this sort of talk now that the Cold War's external threat has receded. Italy, where Cavour's grand liberal vision has never been fully absorbed into the collective psyche, may be especially prone to regional restiveness; but even Helmut Kohl has to keep a careful eye on Munich. Italy has not for some time been a political trend-setter for Europe; but other governments may still have to reckon with Bossis of their own.

DOLEFUL POLITICS

The Republican campaign is wielding the wrong weapons

Bob Dole's attempt to repackage himself as the champion of American family values is surprising only in that it has come so late in the day, just seven weeks before the presidential elections. But the relaunch is unlikely to save him; indeed, it represents a second tactical error in a faltering campaign.

Mr Dole's first mistake was to make economic performance the focus of his early attacks on President Clinton. A month after the Republican convention, those themes have won him little new support. Voters have so far cast a cold eye on his pledge to return America to its economic golden age, raising annual growth from the present level of 2.3 per cent to 3.5 per cent by 2002.

Many find this claim implausible, believing that state taxes will promptly rise to compensate for the proposed cuts at a federal level, or that interest rates will rise in response to a widening budget deficit. Others do not care: the "feel-good" factor is stronger than it has been for years, and after two quarters of exceptionally strong growth, the Federal Reserve Bank is on the verge of pushing up interest rates. Against that backdrop, it is not surprising that Mr Dole's economic message has had little resonance.

In theory, the themes of family values and morality should prove more fruitful territory for him. The electorate is acutely concerned about crime and drug abuse; Mr Dole will point to regions where these have risen under the Clinton Administration. He has recourse to a bounty chest of examples of presidential inconsistency. Not least, he can raise more directly the question of the "character" of Mr Clinton and his colleagues, a euphemism for the allegations of sex and sleaze hanging over the team.

Yet these new weapons may not win Mr Dole much ground. Democrats will brandish their own list of drug-fighting programmes and claim that these would be jeopardised by Republican spending cuts. As for character, when voters elected Mr Clinton they knew many of his faults; that image has since been elaborated but not profoundly changed. Nor does the Whitewater affair appear to have seriously tarnished Mr Clinton in the public eye; short of an indictment of the President or his wife, it does not seem an electoral liability.

It is even possible that Mr Dole will find that the character issue backfires. Voters dislike personal attacks by one politician on another. What is more, judged by what is ordinarily understood by "character" — resilience, ability to recover from adversity, not to mention charisma and charm — Mr Clinton has his rival beaten.

The better strategy for Mr Dole might have been to concentrate on the factors which gave the Republicans their triumph at the mid-term elections. The fiasco of the healthcare reforms proposed by Hillary Clinton has been surprisingly neglected in Republican rhetoric; instead, Mr Dole has allowed the President too much rein to portray himself as the saviour of Medicare and Medicaid. The issues which plagued the early months of the Clinton Administration, such as the proposal to allow homosexuals to serve in the military, might have more electoral mileage than the Republicans have tried to extract. Some of Mr Clinton's first appointments to his team might also be held up as evidence of poor judgment.

It is unfortunate for Mr Dole that shrewder tactics might not now save him. But that does not mean that Republicans should jettison or neglect arguments which served them so well just two years ago. There is all the difference between humiliating rout, sacrificing established principles, and honourable defeat.

INTO THE GAP

Students were not sent into the world entirely for pleasure

For a few delicious moments after the last A-level exam has finished students can sit back, laze in the sun and toss their swot sheets of facts and quotes into the waste basket. Anticlimax soon follows. Idleness can prove dull, and prospective university entrants dream instead of adventures. For many, as we have been reporting this week, the prospect of taking a year off is increasingly attractive. Here is a chance to see the world and satisfy youthful idealism with voluntary service in steamy climes. The gap year would seem to combine the 18th-century Grand Tour with the new necessity to have something eye-catching for the CV.

The gap year is a peculiarly British concept: on the Continent the aim is to start university as soon as possible in order to graduate early and start earning. The gap year was largely a by-product of the Oxbridge practice of setting entrance examinations in December for entry the following autumn. The harnessing of this enforced free time for good works was given a boost by Voluntary Service Overseas, one of the first bodies to involve young people in post-colonial development work. School-leavers were sent to Africa or Asia and given precocious responsibility.

VSO has moved on, now taking only graduates and professionals. But the idea of matching school idealism with the needs of developing countries is still powerfully attractive, and agencies have sprung up to continue the link, refining it to avoid the early pitfalls — cultural shock, patronising attitudes or exploitative situations.

The year overseas, however, is something of a luxury; only a fraction of those hoping to enter university have the money, initiative and stamina. But the spirit of voluntarism can be equally tested and developed at home. Thousands would like to have a framework to put into practice their commitment to the environment or concern for the aged. Universities should encourage as many as possible to defer entry to give students some of the maturity and worldly experience said to have been among the few benefits of National Service. What is less worthwhile, though temptingly common, is the frittered year, where beer-drinking, waitering and inter-railing usually add little to youthful idealism and a lot to the parental budget. A gap year is not a vacant year; it is the gap between childhood and adult responsibility, and should be a mind-broadening transition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Monarch's role as "last taboo"

From Professor Stephen Haseler

Sir, The meeting today at Balmoral of the Royal Family and their advisers (report, September 16) is to be welcomed as a belated recognition that not all is well with the institution of monarchy. Yet it is also a sad commentary upon the state of our democracy.

This royal get-together is rumoured to be addressing such crucial constitutional questions as the relations between the State and the Catholic Church, the disestablishment of the Church and the State's role in financing the Royal Family. Yet this Balmoral event, which raises issues which will affect us all as citizens, remains very much a family affair.

The royals evidently believe that our future constitution can best be discussed, even determined, by unelected persons (and their shadowy unelected advisers) behind closed doors.

In any democracy worth its salt these great constitutional issues would be determined by discussion and debate amongst the people's representatives. "We the people", through our Parliament, should be the arbiters of constitutional change, not an unelected family which has a vested interest in the outcome.

The fact is that the Royal Family is taking advantage of the vacuum created by the continued refusal of our politicians to get to grips with the issue of monarchy.

None of our major political parties — not the "radical" Liberals nor even "modernising" Labour — wants the issue of monarchy to surface before the election. Yet, sooner or later, should we in Britain want a constitution fit for the 21st century, Parliament, not the Royal Family, will have to address this last taboo.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN HASELER (Chairman),
Republic (The Republican Society),
PO Box 2698, London W14 9ZT.
September 16.

Circuit judges

From His Honour Derek Clarkson, QC

Sir, I support Sir Louis Blom-Cooper's view (letter, September 10) that the introduction of circuit judges into the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) is not working out as well as was intended.

A further consideration is this: by statute, no circuit judge of any rank may participate in any hearing on appeal from a Crown Court trial by a High Court judge. The preservation of *amour propre*, to which Sir Louis refers, doubtless led to this provision.

Surely, the expertise and good sense of those recruited from the circuit bench are just as relevant and helpful at the hearing of *any* criminal appeal, provided that (i) the presiding member delivers any judgment that entails direct criticism of the trial judge, of whatever rank; and (ii) on an appeal from a High Court judge, the judgment is never delivered by the circuit judge member.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK CLARKSON,
72a Cornwall Road,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
September 10.

From Mrs Elizabeth Gaskell Syms

Sir, Sir Louis Blom-Cooper opens the whole issue of relationships and conflicts of interest within the legal system.

In the civil courts the judiciary, who whilst practising at the Bar received all their work from solicitors, also have to sit in judgment on solicitors' conduct; and as deputy judges, practising barristers can preside over divisional appeals involving solicitors' conduct. In the county court solicitors themselves have control of such cases as district and deputy judges.

Questions of partiality are as uncomfortable as criticism of colleagues and do nothing to enhance public confidence in the legal system.

Yours faithfully,
E. N. GASKELL SYMS,
86 Victoria Road,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.
September 11.

Investment in UK

From Mr Kevin McCormick

Sir, Mr Richard Page, Minister at the DTI, rightly points to Britain's success in attracting inward investment (letter, September 12). He says there are many reasons for this and lists six, including competitive labour costs, low taxation, advanced skills and incentives. But he fails to mention the single most important reason, which is, in my view, our membership of the European Union.

He says the government is not complacent about the growing competition for inward investment, and that it has "all the factors in place to ensure the UK a healthy future in the field of inward investment".

However, the recent government attitude towards the European Union puts our continued membership in doubt. This must be affecting future inward investment decisions already. It is easy to imagine what would happen to recent inward investment if we actually left the Union.

Yours sincerely,
KEVIN McCORMICK,
43 Chapstow Rise,
Park Hill, Croydon, Surrey.
September 12.

How business would work with new Labour in power

From the Shadow Minister for Trade and Industry

Sir, New Labour will take up the challenge of Lord Hanson (article, September 10; see also letters, September 12 and 14) to show him what we are about before he casts his vote.

The noble Lord has clearly been too preoccupied with the demerger of Hanson Industries to notice the corporate governance changes that have been taking place around him, as recommended by the Cadbury and Greenbury committees, and the concerns echoed by Viscount Caldecote (letter, September 14). Lord Hanson seems still to believe we live in a bygone era of wealthy individual shareholders running their investments; but nowadays listed companies are owned by institutional investors.

Lord Hanson has great experience of the United States. He should know that institutional investors there issue codes of practice by way of guidelines to cover shareholders' rights and proxy voting, executive compensation, the performance of the chief executive, strategic planning, fiduciary oversight and social responsibility. They do so because they believe these will enhance shareholder value within the stakeholder economy.

Viscount Caldecote's suggestions — that institutional shareholders should accept their fiduciary responsibilities as effective owners of listed companies, that self-regulation is not working and that there is need for legislation — mirror not only the views of new Labour but those of many City institutions. These are not ideological matters but matters based on common sense and a feel for what is going on.

We are gratified that Lord Hanson's brick companies have accepted the principle of works councils (report, Business, September 12). We shall seek to build a consensus around our proposals for a new Companies Act and voluntary codes of practice, as recommended by Cadbury and Greenbury, and assure Lord Hanson that in new Labour's battle for hearts and minds he will not be forgotten.

Yours faithfully,
STUART BELL,
House of Commons.
September 15.

From Mr Eric Bellenie

Sir, The President of the Board of Trade, Ian Lang, MP (letter, September 14), asserts that: "We have more of our population of working age in employment than any other major EU country . . . our unemployment rate is far below the EU average."

Well, up to a point.

Since, unlike ourselves, most EU countries do not practise age discrimination in employment, what can Mr Lang mean by "working age"? After all, his colleague, Peter Bottomley, MP, has recently volunteered (in honest Tory tradition) that there are at least two million unemployed men and women who don't feature in the Government's unemployment statistics because they are disqualified from collecting unemployment benefit or jobseeker's allowance.

Mr Bottomley neglected to mention the extra half million or so men and women aged over 50 who wish, or need, to work but are forced into early retirement each year on 10 per cent of their expected pension.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC BELLENIE
(Chairman,
The Over-Fifties' Association),
29 Hill Court, The Ridings, W5.
September 14.

From Dr Marilyn Orcharton

Sir, As the owner of a small business marketing managing systems to other small businesses, I cannot accept the claim by Barbara Roche, Shadow Minister for Small Businesses (letter, September 12), that "Labour has put forward ... sensible and innovative ideas to help small businesses become more competitive".

If a Labour government imposes the regulations of the social chapter and a minimum wage, then most of the UK's 3.5 million "micro" business owners would shed at least one employee and work even longer hours themselves.

Although many of these businesses make modest profits, if any, they are an excellent springboard for new entrepreneurs.

The employees are totally involved with all the difficulties and realities of selling a product or service which satisfies customers. The young people they employ may not be paid high wages but the "hands-on" training they receive is far more valuable than any academic "programme for employment" as proposed by Labour.

This country needs more wealth creators and more risk-taking entrepreneurs. There is no evidence that Tony Blair has the slightest understanding of this, let alone a willingness to support small businesses by freeing up regulations and reducing tax burdens on businesses, including punitive capital taxes, as the Conservatives have done.

Yours faithfully,
MARILYN ORCHARTON,
Kite (quality assurance and management consultants),
7 Lynedoch Place, Glasgow 3.
September 13.

Reasons to vote

From Mr William Hutton

Sir, William Rees-Mogg ("Demon eyes are not scaring anyone", September 9) rightly concludes that John Major must give people reasons to vote for the Tories, not just reasons not to vote.

May I suggest that support could have been sustainable if the party had not suffered too many areas of private enterprise to fall into disrepute. The continuing failure to deal with abuses of privilege, from shenanigans in corporate boardrooms to light-fingered gentry in the City, falls hard with the majority of our people who, day by day, man the essential industries and services which alone guarantee prosperity.

Without adequate regulation, private enterprise can too easily degenerate into pirate enterprise: the consumer then walks the plank.

Great parties can only prosper on great ideas and the Tory party needs some quickly.

Yours faithfully,
W. T. HUTTON,
8 Sutherland Avenue,
Petts Wood, Orpington, Kent.
September 9.

Protection from invasions of privacy

From Mr Keir Starmer and others

Sir, Norma Major is right to call for tough privacy laws (report, September 16); but the aim of any new legislation should not be merely to protect the rich and famous.

In a recently completed review of law and practice on compliance in the UK with international human rights standards we highlight the inability of the courts to protect all citizens against invasions of their privacy.

Respect for private and family life is enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights, originally drafted in Whitehall. Yet when it was ratified in 1951 the UK refused to consider whether our law and practice needed modification to comply with the obligations it was taking on.

Since then, the UK has lost 13 cases in the European Court of Human Rights involving breaches of the right to privacy.

How many more cases must the United Kingdom lose in Strasbourg before it does what most other European countries have already done and introduces legislation to safeguard its citizens' privacy?

Yours faithfully,
KEIR STARMER,
FRANCESCA KLUG,
STUART WEIR
(Authors, *The Three Pillars of Liberty*, Routledge),
University of Essex,
Human Rights Centre,
Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex.
September 16.

Secret army

From Mr W. G. McPherson

Sir, It was with mixed feelings that I read your report (September 7) on the special wartime force, the Auxiliary Units. I was recruited to form a seven-man unit in 1940 and we served until stood down in 1944. We were never a part of the Home Guard, although we wore their uniform for cover.

It has always been a regret to us that we could not take part in Remembrance Day services, having no tangible evidence to show we were entitled to do so. Too late now: to the best of my knowledge all my men are gone. I am the only one left.

If medals are to be issued to surviving members of the Auxiliary Units it would surely only be right that they also be given to the relatives of those who are gone.

I am Sir, yours respectfully,
W. G. McPHERSON
(Sergeant, Scottish Auxiliary Units),
37 Granary Street,
Huntly, Aberdeenshire.
September 10.

From Mrs J. W. Lymbery

Sir, The Auxiliary Units were not the only people trained as resistance fighters.

After the formation of the Home Guard (men only), Dr Edith Summerskill, MP, held a meeting for women at Victory House, Leicester Square, and the unofficial Women's Home Defence was formed.

I and some of my friends who were still in London started a unit in Dulwich and learnt to fire a rifle at Alleyn's School range. We also learnt Morse Code and semaphore.

Two young Home Guard officers who, we were told, were in reserved occupations, started to come to our meetings and things got more real and earnest. They taught us unarmed combat and ways to dispose of sentries, etc.

In the event of an invasion we were to make our way to Keston Common, south of Bromley, in Kent. I'm sure that in such a situation we were all prepared to fight and die.

When all fear of an invasion was over we were assimilated into the Home Guard and allowed to do clerical work and cook during exercises.

Yours sincerely,
J. W. LYMBERY,
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Back Street, Ashwell,
Nr Baldock, Hertfordshire.
September 8.

Carbon monoxide

From Ms Stephanie Trotter

Sir, Congratulations to Dr Thomas Stuttaford for drawing attention to the correct sleeping position for babies to reduce the risk of cot death ("Know the right way to put your baby to sleep", September 11).

He also warned that smoking in pregnancy, or even in the same house as a baby, increases the risk of sudden infant death syndrome (Sids). Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide, a lethal poison even in very small amounts, which is 200 to 250 times more attractive to the haemoglobin in the blood than oxygen.

Low doses give rise to flu-like symptoms, headaches and nausea and can cause brain damage. Sids babies are often "unwell" for 48 hours before the event and, like adult carbon monoxide deaths, a higher proportion of Sids deaths occur in the winter months.

Any combustible fuel can give rise to carbon monoxide poisoning. Any woman who is thinking of becoming pregnant, is pregnant or has young children should be especially conscientious about having every appliance regularly serviced and any chimney or flue swept by a fully-qualified engineer. A check should also be made to see that the ventilation is adequate and free of obstruction.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHANIE TROTTER (President),
The Carbon Monoxide and Gas Safety Society,
Lorien House,
Common Lane, Claygate, Surrey.
September 12.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Vintage and veteran

From Mr Rupert Prior

Sir, Assuming your headline, "Veteran rolls on through years" (later editions, September 13), refers to the motor car rather than the owner, Doris Pearson's pride and joy, a 1927 Ricardo-designed Vauxhall 14/40 "Princeton" tourer, is in fact a product of the vintage era of motoring history.

The veteran period of manufacture persisted until 1904, and between the veteran and the vintage was the so-called Edwardian period. The vintage era, reckoned by arbitrary definition to have started with the recommencement of motor manufacture after the First World War, covers little more than a decade and was effectively killed off by the 1929 world depression.

Yours faithfully,
RUPERT PRIOR,
Sotheby's Car Department,
34-35 New Bond Street, W1.
September 13.

Safety in numbers

From Mr M. J. Godfree

Sir, The chairman of Jaguar is to be congratulated for realising that by 2020 motorways are likely to have tracks for vehicle guidance and distance-keeping (News in brief, September 11). Capacity and safety could be further improved by temporarily fastening the vehicles together.

It seems he has just reinvented the railway, and acknowledged that it is safer, more energy efficient and makes better use of our scarce land than a motorway. Let us hope that a pragmatic combination of the two systems will enable the advantages of both to be realised.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. GODFREE,
26 Rangemore Close,
Mickleover, Derbyshire.
September 13.

Travelling miserably

From Mr Hans J. Bye-Jorgensen

Sir, Lord Tugendhat (letter, September 7; see also letter, September 13) seems unaware that the reason French roads are virtually free of cones is that they are properly designed and built. The French understand that the foundation as well as the surface must be well drained to provide a stable structure. Their roads have good ditches on both sides.

Yours faithfully,
HANS J. BYE-JORGENSEN,
Kingswear House, Church Hill,
Kingswear, Dartmouth, Devon.
September 16.

Ticking away

From Dr Georges Ware

Sir, I received this morning a mailshot offering "funeral expenses insurance" which includes my choice of coffin, funeral director and certain other expenses. It also promises a free travel alarm clock.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGES WARE,
85 Cranbrook Road, Redland, Bristol.
September 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 16: The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mrs Major have left the Castle.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
The Duke of Kent this evening attended The Queen Charlotte's Ball, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Westminster Abbey Choir School

Full term started after a short visit to Cologne. The Senior Chorister is Timothy Dickinson. Nicholas Richardson is Second Chorister and the Head of School is Toby Dunham. The new foundation choristers are Charles Richardson, Michael Martin, Oliver Vincent, Peter Portal and Benjamin Turner. The Choir will be touring America from October 16 to November 5 and the Christmas Concert with Emma Kirkby and the English Chamber Orchestra will be on December 17 at the Barbican. The Headmaster welcomes enquiries from parents of potential choristers (017) 222 6151); the next voice trial will be on October 2.

Dinner

The Textile Institute
Mr and Mrs Clemens N. Nathan were the hosts at a dinner held at The Athenaeum on Monday, September 16, to mark the retirement of Mr Richard Denyer as General Secretary of The Textile Institute. Among those present were:
Mrs Richard Denyer, Mr and Mrs Andre H Dhondt, Mr Robert R Franck, Mr and Mrs Arthur Harverd, Professor John W S Hearle, Dr hc Hans Locher, Dr John R McPhee, Marquis Paul de Marsano, Mr and Mrs S Rubin and Dr Keith Stikstone.

Legal appointment

Mr Timothy Edward Walker, QC, has been appointed a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench Division.

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Guards of honour ride their horses through coloured smoke on the beach at Scheveningen in The Netherlands as they practise for the opening of a new session of parliament by Queen Beatrix today, when the Finance Minister will present the country's 1997 budget

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.R. Carsley and Miss R.F. Horsley
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Clive Carsley, of Beckenham, Kent, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs William Horsley, of Camden Square, London.

Dr J.S. Garstang and Captain J.J. Carsley, RAMC
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs James Garstang, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Carsley, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr J.P. Caton and Miss G.F. Rose
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mrs Sue Caton and the late Mr Philip Caton, of Church Fenton, Yorkshire, and Georgina, younger daughter of Dr John and Dr Teresa Rose, of Boston Spa, Yorkshire.

Mr R.W.T. Chance and Miss K. Surgison
The engagement is announced between Toby, younger son of Sir Jeremy Chance, Bt, and Lady Chance, of Gwynedd, Wales, and Katy, daughter of Mr Peter Surgison, of Johannesburg and the late Mrs Surgison.

Mr R.H.R. Kettler and Miss C. Aabø
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr Chris Kettler and Mrs Tally Kettler, of Bedford, and Catharina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Karl Aabø, of Stavanger, Norway.

Mr P.J.D. O'Keeffe and Miss F.V. Miles
The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Dr C.J.M. O'Keeffe, of Ilsington, Devon, and Mrs J. O'Keeffe, of East Ogwell, Devon, and Francesca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs I.F. Miles, of St John's Wood, London NW8 and Mrs A. Miles, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr A.C. Reid and Miss S.E. Fox
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Reid, of Watford, Hertfordshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.G. Fox, of East Ardsley, West Yorkshire.

Mr A.J.C. Craigie and Miss C.A. Farey
The engagement is announced between Angus, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Andrew Craigie, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Caroline, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Robin Farey, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr R.J. Robotham and Miss S.N. Wright
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr Anthony Robotham, of Brecon, Powys, and the late Mrs Ann Robotham, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Wright, of Easterton, Wiltshire.

Mr R.O. Samuel and Miss S.J. Spencer
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr David Samuel, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, and Mrs Jane Pawkes, of Bank, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy Spencer, of Broadstone, Dorset.

Mr N.J.S. White and Signorina C.V. Caltagirone
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr Adrian and the Hon Mrs White, of Farnborough, Oxfordshire, and Cristina, younger daughter of Don Gaetano Caltagirone and Signora Francesca Cornello Caltagirone, of Rome, Italy.

Marriages

Mr C.J. Gough-Willetts and Miss M.D. Hansen
The marriage took place on September 16, 1996, in London, of Mr Christopher John Gough-Willetts, of Cheltenham, and Miss Milla Danadjieva Hansen, of Tiburon, California.

Receptions will be held at the Dormy House, Broadway, and Sea Ranch, Mendocino County, California.

Mr S.J. Parrington and Miss F.I. Keene
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Leonard's Church, Sandridge, Hertfordshire, between Simon, son of Mr Frank Parrington, of Crowthorne, and Mrs Ann King, of Lymington, and Frances, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Keene, of St Albans. A reception was held at Wrotham Park.

Today's birthdays

Professor Sir Donald Acheson, former Chief Medical Officer, HM Government, 70; Professor Sir James Armour, veterinarian, 67; Miss Anne Bancroft, actress, 65; The Right Rev T.J. Bavin, former Bishop of Portsmouth, 61; Mr David Bintley, director, Birmingham Royal Ballet, 39; Professor A.N. Broers, Master, Churchill College, Cambridge, 58; Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig of Radley, 67; Mr Don Cruickshank, Director-General, Oftel, 54; General Sir Kenneth Darling, 87; Professor Naomi Datta, geneticist, 74; Miss Jennifer Dickson, photographer and artist, 60; Sir Desmond Fennell, former High Court judge, 63; Mr D.A. Fenner, former Headmaster, Alleyn's School, 63; Mr Deryck Fox, rugby league player, 32; Mr Gwyn Francis, former Director-General, Forestry Commission, 66; Sir Richard Gaskell, former president, Law Society, 60; Professor Sir John Hale, Renaissance historian, 73; Sir Desmond Heap, former Comptroller and City Solicitor, Corporation of London, 89; Mr Chaim Herzog, former President of Israel, 78; Miss Angela Heylin, chairman, Charles Barker, 53; Mr Damon Hill, racing driver, 36; Mr Michael Jack, MP, 50; Ms Tessa Jowell, MP, 49; Mr Desmond Lynam, broadcaster, 54; Mr Michael Morley, racehorse trainer, 57; Mr Stirling Moss, racing driver, 67; Mr John Napper, painter, 80; Sir Paul Newall, former Lord Mayor of London, 62; Air Commandant Dame Pauline Parsons, former matron-in-chief, PMRAFNS, 84; Miss Dinah Sheridan, actress, 76; Miss Mary Stewart, (Lady Stewart), novelist, 80; Sir Jack Stewart-Clark, MEP, 67; Miss Karen Straker, showjumper, 32; Professor Elizabeth Wilkinson, former Professor of German, 87.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Tobias Rustat, Yeoman of the Robes to Charles II, baptised, Leicester, 1608; James Macknight, biblical critic, Irvine, Ayrshire, 1721; Samuel Prout, water colour painter, Plymouth, 1783; Sir Francis Chichester, yachtsman, Barnstaple, 1901; Sir Frederick Ashton, ballet dancer and choreographer, Guayaquil, Ecuador, 1906, Maureen Connolly (Little Mo), tennis champion, San Diego, 1934.

DEATHS: Tobias Smollett, novelist, Leghorn, 1771; Alfred de Vigny, poet, Paris, 1863; Charles Robert Cockerell, architect, London, 1863; Walter Savage Landor, writer, Florence, 1864; William Henry Fox Talbot, pioneer of photography, Lacock Abbey, Wiltshire, 1877; Count Folke Bernadotte, UN mediator, assassinated, Jerusalem, 1948; Ruth Benedict, anthropologist, New York, 1948; Dame Lilian Braithwaite, actress, London, 1948; Laura Ashley, designer, Coventry, 1985; Pat Phoenix, actress, Cheadle, Cheshire, 1986.

The Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed as federal union of six colonies, 1900.

British Forces landed by air at Arnhem, Holland, 1944.

Reception

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was the host at a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street for The Friends of the Citizens Advice Bureaux.

Luncheon

Monday Luncheon Club
Mr John Guinness, Chairman of British Nuclear Fuels, was the principal guest at a luncheon of the Monday Luncheon Club held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Roland Shaw presided.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Giles King-Smith, Vicar, Two Mile Hill (Bristol): to be Vicar, Ilfracombe Team Ministry (Exeter).
The Rev Pat Lawless, Curate (NSM), Mells w Vobster w Buckland Dinham, Elm, Whatley and Chantry: to be Chaplain (part-time), Frome Hospital and Curate (NSM), St John and St Mary, Frome (Bath and Wells).
The Rev Glenys Lloyd, until recently Resident Minister in the united benefice of Cheswardine, Childs Ercall, Hales, Hinstock, Sambrook and Stoke-on-Tern (Lichfield): to exercise a retirement ministry at St John the Evangelist, Perlethorpe (Southwell).
The Rev Colin Macdonald, Priest-in-charge, Barrow and Goxhill (Lincoln): to be Vicar of that benefice, same diocese.
The Rev Avjit Mitra, NSM, Abingdon, and Assistant Chaplain, Abingdon School (Oxford): to be Chaplain, Christ's Hospital School (Chichester).
The Rev Nicola Mitra, NSM, Abingdon (Oxford): to be Chaplain, Christ's Hospital School (Chichester).
The Rev John Newcombe, Assistant Curate, St. Lawrence, Stroud and Uplands w Slad: to be Associate Minister, Nailsworth w special responsibility for Horsley and Newington Bagpath w Kingscote (Gloucester).
The Rev Christopher Newlands, formerly Chaplain, Bucharest w Sofia (Europe): to be Vicar, Shrub End (Chelmsford).
The Rev Peter Phillips, NSM, Llangyfelach (Swansea and Brecon): to be Deputy Chaplain at Walton Prison (Liverpool).
The Rev John Richardson, Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, Alsager (Chester): to be Vicar, Grangetown (York).
The Rev Graham Ricketts, Curate, Worth Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Crawley Team Ministry (Chichester).

York guildhall built on Norman mansion

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE Merchant Adventurers of York, a guild once devoted to bringing new surprises from overseas, have surprised themselves with a discovery below their own medieval hall. The hall, built between 1357 and 1361, turns out to stand on a vanished mansion of the House of Percy, the northern family whose most famous member was Shakespeare's Hotspur.

The ancient Guild Hall of the Merchant Adventurers, who today are no longer traders but still maintain the civic pomp of their feasts, stands in the centre of York, not far from the Viking site on Coppergate and the Jorvik Viking Centre which now covers it. Set at the top of a steep slope down to the River Foss, the hall almost certainly overlies both Viking and Roman remains, according to Dr Richard Hall of the York Archaeological Trust (Yat).

Excavations were carried out by Yat this summer, at the request of the Merchant Adventurers, to see what earlier history their headquarters possessed. The Grade I listed building is the only medieval guildhall in Europe to survive with its business room, hospital and chapel intact.

The dig, directed by Kurt Hunter-Mann, showed that the present undercroft was once above street level, although some 1.5 metres of the building is now buried and the modern street lies a further two metres higher. The ground level has risen over the centuries.

What was surprising, however, was that even below the medieval street level fine masonry continued down, and still went on at the limits of this year's probe, 3.7 metres below the surface. The masonry was finely tooled with an axe blade struck diagonally, a trait of 12th-century buildings in York, and one which was no longer present by 1230 when the south transept of York Minster was built.

Rectangular spaces between the blocks known as "putlog holes", for holding wooden scaffolding, are a feature usually found at least two metres above the coeval ground surface, indicating that a substantial depth of Norman building lies buried. The Merchant Venturers bought the site from the Percy family when they formed their guild in 1357.

"We have the remains of a town house of one of England's richest families," Dr Hall said. The Percys came over with William the Conqueror, and the 4th Lord Percy was made Earl of Northumberland and Marshal of England in 1377. His son Harry (1364-1403) was known as Hotspur, a valiant warrior who fell fighting Henry IV at Shrewsbury.

Latest wills

William Sinclair Martin, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, left estate valued at £2,164,757 net.
He left £2,000 to the following: Durham Masonic Charities, Ewesley Road Methodist Church, Sunderland, Samaritans Sunderland branch, Little Sisters of the Poor, Sunderland, and £1,000 to the Salvation Army at Millfield, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.

Romola Ann North-Lewis, of Sunninghill, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,013,334 net.

Marjorie Joyce Hewitt, of Compton, Guildford, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,689,241 net.
She left £500 each to the National Trust, and St Barnabas' Hospice.

Dennis John Robinson, of Orford, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1,493,349 net.
He left £5,000 to the Basketmakers' Charitable Trust.

Marjorie Hilda Keaning, of Great Longstone, Bakewell, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £1,411,932 net.
She left £2,000 to the Derbyshire branch, British Red Cross Society, and to St Giles Church, Great Longstone; £1,000 to the NSPCC.

Charles Douglas Gilson, of Sheffield, left estate valued at £1,519,734 net.

Peter Guy Robinson, of North Ferriby, East Yorkshire, left estate valued at £4,511,443 net.
He left £10,000 to the British Heart Foundation and £5,000 to the trustees of Ackworth School Trust.

Jeffrey Winsall Slingsby, of Gransmoor, Driffield, Humberside, left estate valued at £1,010,251 net.

Richard Frederick Mealings, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, left estate valued at £1,236,530 net.
He left 500 shares in Lloyds Bank to the National Deaf Children's Society.

Jessie Mildred Leivers, of Woodford Green, Essex, left estate valued at £1,135,193 net.

Andrew Hugh Turnbull, of Woking, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,123,115 net.
He left £100,000 to the Charities Aid Foundation of Tonbridge, Kent.

Bernard Phillips, of Ferring, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,041,211 net.

University news

London
Queen Mary and Westfield College

Appointments and Promotions
Chairs
Experimental Physics, Dr D J Dunstan, Reader in Physics, University of Surrey.
Law, Professor Peter Fitzpatrick, Professor of Law and Social Theory, University of Kent at Canterbury.

The following titles have been conferred:
Professor of Gerondontology, Dr M R Heath, Senior Lecturer in Prosthetic Dentistry, School of Medicine and Dentistry.
Professor of English, Dr W Chernaik, Reader in English.
Professor of Applied Pharmacology, Dr B J R Whittle, Department of Biochemical Pharmacology, School of Medicine and Dentistry.
Professorial Fellow in the Department of Electronic Engineering, Mr J M Griffiths, formerly BT Laboratories, Martlesham.

Readerships
Probability and Statistics, Dr Alison Etheridge, Lecturer in Mathematics and Statistics, University of Edinburgh; Oral Microbiology, Dr M A Curtis, Head of MRC Molecular Pathogenesis Group, Department of Oral Microbiology, School of Medicine and Dentistry; Neurology, Dr Praveen Anand, Department of Neurology, School of Medicine and Dentistry; Medicine, Dr P G Kopelman, Medical Unit, School of Medicine and Dentistry.
The title of Emeritus Professor has been conferred on the following: Clinical Epidemiology, Professor R A Feldman; Physiology, Professor W R Keatinge; Theoretical Physics, Professor I Percival FRS; Medical Microbiology, Professor J D Williams.
The title of Emeritus Reader has been conferred on the following: Zoology, Dr L J Goodman; Plant Physiology, Dr B Frankland; Haemogenetics, Dr P J Lincoln; Medical Microbiology, Dr E J Shaw; Pharmacology, Dr Z L Kruk.

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Because Jesus himself has passed through the test of suffering, he is able to help those who are in the midst of their test.
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BIRTHS

ALDER - On September 13th, to Lisa (née Marchant) and Anthony, a daughter, Charlotte India.

ASHLEY MILLER - On 12th September, to Fiona (née Knocker) and Mark, a daughter, Catriona.

BEXON - See Richards.

BUDD - On September 10th, at The Portland Hospital, to Luisa and Nicholas, a beautiful son, Sebastian Alexander Peter, a baby brother for Benjamin!

CONSTABLE-MAXWELL - On 2nd September 1996, to Louise (née Crossland) and Stephen, a daughter, Kate Sophie Turville, a sister for Olivia.

DOLL - On September 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Christine and Kevin, a beautiful daughter, Zoe.

ELTRINGHAM - On September 6th, to Thérèse (née Harney) and Mark, a beautiful son, George Patrick.

GODLEE - On September 11th, to Carolyn and Julian, a son, Jonathan James Rickman Listor, a brother for Olivia, Rebecca and Natasha.

HENDRY - On September 13th, to Lucy (née Dennis) and Athol, a daughter, Anna Cecilia, a sister for Oliver.

HERSOV - On September 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Kimberley Hersov and Robert a boy Alexander, Zain Name Yael, Nicknamed Otto Hollywood Septem-.

HORROCKS - On September 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Yasuo and Junko, a beautiful daughter, Chiso.

HUTCHINGS - On September 5th, to Lorraine (née Bonnyhood) and Wesley, a precious daughter, Eleanor (Ella) Elizabeth, a sister for Luke.

MCWHIRTER - On September 13th 1996, to Alison (née Wylie) and Tom, the gift of a daughter, Charis Rebecca.

MOTT - On September 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Kerstin (Geb) Fuchs and William, a son, Nicholas James.

RICHARDS - On September 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Tina and Charles, a daughter, a sister for Oliver.

SCHÄFER - On September 13th in Brussels, to Rachel (née Frost) and Guido, a daughter, Claire Josephine.

SHAW - On 7th September 1996, to Alison (née Pitt) and Simon, a son, Daniel Luke, a brother for Jonathan.

BIRTHS

SUMMERHAYES - On 21st August 1996 in Bogotá, Colombia, to Katy (née Osborne) and Brian, a daughter, Charlotte Emma.

VIRGIL - On September 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Sylvia and Brian, a beautiful son, Andrew Ryan, a brother for Anthony. A wonderful gift from God.

WILDER - On September 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Rachel (née Vincent) and John, a son, a brother for Harry and James.

WH - On September 12th at The Portland Hospital, to proud parents Louise and Jean-Paul, a son, Joceiya, a brother for Nicole.

MARRIAGES

LAVEY-BÖHM - On Saturday, September 14th at the Church of St John the Baptist, Enfield, Mr Stephen Lavey, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Lavey, of Enfield, Middlesex, to Miss Anette Böhm, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Matthias Böhm, of Ditzingen, Stuttgart. The Rev. John Noddings officiated.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - On 15th September 1996 in St Dunstans, Ovingdean, Brighton, after a long illness John Bennie. Funeral Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton on Thursday 19th September at 3.30 pm. All enquiries please to Attree & Kent Ltd., 113 Church Street, Brighton, tel: (01273) 688228.

ATKINS - On September 13th 1996 Sidney of Romford, Yorkshire.

BENNETT - On September 15th 1996 peacefully after a short illness Peter Ward Bennett, beloved husband of Ann and dearly loved father of Hugo, Scilla, Julia and Mary, father-in-law to Elizabeth, Peter, David and James and adored grandfather of fourteen grandchildren. Funeral Friday 20th September 11.30 am at St Pancras Church, Kingston, nr. Lewes, Sussex. Family flowers only, donations to The Royal Marsden Hospital and St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth. Please send to Cooper & Sons Funeral Directors, 42 High Street, Lewes, Sussex. All enquiries tel: (01273) 475557.

DEATHS

BENTLEY - Canon Geoffrey Bryan Bentley ceased upon the midnight with no pain on 12th September at Windsor Castle. Service in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle at 12 noon on Friday 20th September. Pedestrian access for mourners to the Castle through Henry VIIIth Gate from 11.30 am, onwards. Donations to Thames Valley Hospice, Windsor or Friends of St George's Chapel. Flowers to E. Sergeant & Son, 61 St Leonards Road, Windsor, SL4 3BX by noon, Thursday 19th September.

BISHOP - Harry Wilkinson, Brigadier (Retd.) MECVS, suddenly, but peacefully on 15th September, at Roakswood Hospital, Worcester. Very dearly loved husband of Peter, and much loved father of Penny and Sarah, and father-in-law of Michael, and dearly loved Grampa of Edward and Lucy. Funeral at St James's, Church, West Malvern on Monday 23rd September at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to The Army Benevolent Fund and/or The House of Rest for Horses, Speen, c/o Funeral Directors F.W. Spillsbury, 12 Upper Howsell Road, Malvern, Worcs. Tel: (01684) 892777.

BOYD WILSON - Margaret Louisa (Peggie), beloved mother of Timothy, Caroline and Penelope, died peacefully aged 90 in her home at Ardslve, by Kyle of Lochalsh, Scotland, on September 12th 1996. Private cremation. Donations to the R.S.P.B.

BROWNE - Geoffrey Robert F.R.I.C.S. of Croydon passed away sadly. Survived by his wife Joy and family. Funeral Service to be held at St Mildred's Church, Croydon, on Friday September 20th at 3.15 pm, to be followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Great Ormond Street Hospital may be sent c/o A & J Mazzes Funeral Directors, 343 Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR0 6BC, tel: (0181) 654-0990.

BUCHANAN - On September 11th 1996 at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, Sheila, beloved wife of Grant and much loved mother of Andrew, John and Neil. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorium on Wednesday September 18th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please or donations to the William Budd Ward at the RUH. may be sent to Jolly's Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath BA1 3DF, tel: (01225) 426822.

DEATHS

COOKE-PIO - Esmé Gioia Mackenzie, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, died 11th September Florence. Our love and prayers go with her.

COOMBER - On September 14th, peacefully in South Molton Community Hospital, Frank Netherton, of South Molton, North Devon. Beloved husband of the late Hattie Coomber and a much loved father and grandfather. All enquiries to J. Westacott & Son, Funeral Directors, tel: (01769) 572476.

CORNER - Professor Edred John Henry, CBE, FRS, VMH, FLS. Peacefully at his Cambridge home on 14th September. Cremation on 20th September at 2 pm at Cambridge City Crematorium, Huntingdon Road.

CURRY-RIGHARD-ROBERTSON - On September 6th, George Donald aged 84 years after illness died peacefully at home - Cantarel, St. Cyr 83270 France. Beloved husband of Helen, devoted and much loved father to Duncan and Alexander. All enquiries to his home.

CUSS - On 12th September 1996 peacefully at the Prospect Hospice, Swindon, John aged 85 years, beloved father of Anne, Neville, Susan and Jane. Funeral: Tuesday 24th September, service at St Sampson's Church, Cricklade, Swindon at 10.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations would be welcome for the Prospect Foundation, Moorhead Road, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9BZ. Enquiries Tel. (01793) 522797.

de CANDOLE - Audrey Imogen. Beloved daughter of Doris Nicholson, sister of Reuben, mother and grandmother, unexpectedly on 9th September. Funeral Wimborne Minster 20th September 2.15 pm. No flowers. Donations please to Wimborne Minster.

DUNNETT - On September 14th peacefully in her sleep at Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, Sussex, Bridget Nan, dear wife of Michael and mother of Elisabeth and Charles. Funeral at Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex, on Monday September 23rd at 2 pm. Family flowers only please.

GRIMAN - On 6th September 1996, suddenly at home, Don a much loved father and grandfather.

DEATHS

GREAVES - Elaine Lucille passed away peacefully at home with her family present on Monday 9th September. She fought with courage and dignity against metastatic colonic cancer for 21 months. She leaves her husband Francis, son, Christopher, daughter Theresa and granddaughter Megan who will miss her love and sensibility deeply. Elaine was the youngest daughter of the late Harold and Marie Fox of Hythe, Hampshire and daughter-in-law of Desmond and Barbara Greaves of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire. Her many friends connected with the medical services in Hythe and the local community will remember her with great affection. Donations if desired to Colon Cancer Concern, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London SW10 9NH.

HILL - Dr. Leslie Rowland, Curator National Collection of Type Cultures, Public Health Laboratory Service, 1978-1994, passed away suddenly on Sunday 15th September 1996. Beloved husband, father and friend to many. Funeral Service at Hendon Crematorium, Holders Hill Road, London NW7, on Friday September 20th at 3 pm. All enquiries to James Crook Ltd., 53 Bridge Road, Wembley Park, Middlesex (0181) 904-4193.

KEMPTON - Isobel Ann aged 59 years on September 15th 1996, in the Rainbow Room of Newbury Hospital peacefully after a long battle with cancer that she fought with incredible bravery and selflessness. Very dear wife of Barry and adored mother of Luke, Jim, Anna and Ben and grandmother of Milly, Joe and Imogen. Funeral at St Michael and All Angels Church, Lambourn, on Thursday September 19th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations for the Newbury and District Cancer Care Trust, may be sent to W.T. Adams & Co. Funeral Directors, 16 Bayden Road, Lambourn, Hungerford, Berks. RG17 8NT, tel: (01488) 71492.

DEATHS

LUMMIS - Christopher John of Yew Tree Farmhouse, Allbrook, West Sussex and, Montague Williams and Piper, Hurstpierpoint, on 14th September at St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley, aged 66. Husband of Cicely and father of Jane, Sarah, Andrew and Kate. All friends welcome at the funeral at the Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint at 2.30 pm on 20th September, to be followed by a private burial. Enquiries to Frank Davey and Co, Hurstpierpoint (tel: 01273 832179).

MARCHESELLI - Audrey Denise (née Smith) on 14th September after 16 years illness endured with exemplary courage and inspiring joie de vivre, wonderful wife and friend of Pietro (Miguel) for 33 years, and dearest sister of Dorothy, Joan and Ronald. No flowers but donations (if wished) to The Royal Marsden Hospital London. Funeral Service at West Herts Crematorium, Watford at 2.45 pm on Thursday 19th September. Details from M.F.Ghidar Funeral Services, 172 St Albans Road, Watford, tel: (01923) 247427.

MARSDEN - Eric Charles on 13th September peacefully at home, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Sturminster, Dorset on Friday 20th September at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only. No Memorial Service.

MONTGOMERY - Fiodora Kathleen Alice, actress Jane Baxter, widow of Arthur Montgomery, dearly loved mother and grandmother, peacefully at home on 13th September. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, St Mary's Road, Wimbledon, Thursday September 26th at 3 pm. Donations, if desired, to The Actors' Benevolent Fund, 6 Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AA, or Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Finance Dept., PO Box 123, Lincoln Inn Fields, WC2A 3PX.

MOORE - Oscar on September 12th, peacefully after a long illness, bravely borne. Private Cremation. A Memorial in celebration of his life and work to be announced at a later date. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu for the "Rodenby Ward Fund" may be sent to J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, London W2 4UL.

DEATHS

MOORMAN - Norman Thornton, quietly at home on 11th September 1996 aged 62. Funeral Service 1.30 pm 19th September at St Mary's Chapel, Chesil House, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester. Flowers c/o Jno Steel (same address).

OPIE - Marion Arnold twin sister of Evelyn Opie, died peacefully in her sleep at Penerley Lodge aged 91 years. Lovingly remembered by family and friends. Funeral Service at Southampton Crematorium West Chapel, on Friday 20th September at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired made payable to Dr. Barnardos may be sent c/o R. Hallam & Son, 185 Long Lane, Holbury, Southampton SO45 2PA.

PENTLAND - Caroline Hersey White, second daughter of the late William Ogilvie and Hersey (Ballantyne) Pentland, much loved stepdaughter, sister, aunt, friend and teacher, died peacefully after a short illness courageously fought on Saturday September 14th, 1996. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Fonsonby Road, Roehampton, on Thursday 19th September at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be made to the Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o Saunders Funeral Directors, (0181) 789-6855.

PLATTS - On 12th September 1996 in Chichester after a long illness borne with courage, Joan Marguerite, widow of Harry, sister of Elaine. Funeral Tuesday 24th September. All enquiries to Edward White & Son (01243) 782136.

POTTER - On September 11th 1996, George Brian, aged 88, husband of Sue, father of Janet, George and Mary. Private cremation, at his request but the family will be at his home on Sunday 6th October between 11 am and 4 pm to welcome friends who knew him.

ROBINSON - Marion (Molly), much loved wife of the late Charles and sadly missed by family and friends, died September 8th peacefully after much illness borne with courage and a cheerful spirit. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, SW15, on September 18th at 3 pm. Immediate family flowers only, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

DEATHS

SCOTT - Marion Sylvia. Passed away peacefully on 14th September. Much loved by her children Peter and Jennifer, son-in-law Trevor and grandchildren Julian, Heidi, Nicholas and Cherry. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday, 18th September at 1.30 pm.

SELLAR - Amy Helen suddenly in Auckland 14th September. Dearly loved daughter of Libby and Michael Sellar of Canterbury, New Zealand and dearly loved sister of Polly, Edward, Charlotte, Elizabeth and William. Funeral will take place in Auckland.

SHAW - Charles Frederick Ralph passed away peacefully on 10th September 1996. Much loved and sadly missed by wife Lilian, daughter Mavis, son-in-law Nick and grandson Oliver.

SUTTILL - (Rink) Dr. Margaret Joan Suttill MB, BS, MRCP, aged 84. Widow of George Arnold Rink QC, mother of Anthony and John peacefully at St John and St Elizabeth Hospital, London on 12th September. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium, Kew Meadow Path, Townmead Road, Richmond, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 24th September. Family flowers only. Donations by our mother's wish to be sent to St John's Hospice, 60 Cleve End Road, London NW6 9NH. All enquiries to Messrs J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington, London W8 6LA. Tel: (0171) 937-0757.

WHITAKER - Alan Arthur peacefully at home on September 16th aged 71 years after a long illness borne with great bravery and fortitude. Beloved husband of Beulah and dearly loved brother of Eileen and Anne. Funeral Service at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks, on Thursday 19th September at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses c/o Great Missenden Funeral Services, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0BE.

DEATHS

YEATES - Anthony Robinson (Tony) peacefully, on September 13th after a long illness borne with great courage. Much loved husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law. Funeral Service Thursday 19th September at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath at 1.30pm. Please no flowers, but donations welcome to: Dorothy House Foundation, or Fight for Sight, c/o E. Hooper & Sons Funeral Directors, 13 St James' Parade, Bath, BA1 1UL.

YELLOLY - Stanley James Robert, peacefully on September 12th 1996. Beloved husband of the late Joy, dearest father of David and Christine and Gary and loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St George and St Teresa's Church Dorridge on Friday September 20th at 10.30 am followed by cremation at Robin Hood Crematorium, Solihull at 11.30 am. Rest in Peace.

YOUNGMAN - Peter Hugh of Chamfield, Suffolk on Friday 13th September. Private funeral.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

WAHL - Professor Nicholas. Funeral Friday September 20th 2.15 pm, West London Crematorium, Harrow Road, reception to follow. Flowers and enquiries c/o J.H. Kenyon (0171) 229-5544.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SCOTT-ELLIOT - The Memorial Service for Major General J. Scott-Elliot will take place on Thursday 26th September at 2.30 pm at the Church of St Thomas à Becket, Warblington, near Emsworth, Hants.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

HEATH - George Ian Alexander Heath who died at his home in France aged 54 on Monday 2nd September. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at 12 noon on Tuesday October 1st at St John's Smith Square SW1.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

STRAKER - Derrick, Solicitor of the Supreme Court, born 13th January 1921 died, as a result of war service (RAF), 17th September 1976. Much loved husband, brother and father.

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OBITUARIES

JANE BAXTER

Jane Baxter, film and stage actress, died on September 13 aged 87. She was born on September 9, 1909.

For more than half a century, Jane Baxter was one of Britain's most accomplished actresses. Her vibrant quality illuminated a series of West End successes — among them the original production of *Dial M for Murder* — and 29 films. On Broadway, she played opposite John Gielgud, who also twice directed her. Yet what most endeared her to the public was her quintessential Englishness. Winston Churchill, an ardent admirer, described her during the Second World War as "that charming lady whose grace personifies all that is best in British womanhood".

She was born Feodora Kathleen Alice Forde in Bremen, Germany, where her father was working as an engineer and maritime cable-layer. He died when she was only six months old from a gunshot wound in circumstances that were never satisfactorily resolved. Her half-German mother, who had been lady-in-waiting to Queen Victoria's granddaughter, Princess Charlotte of Saxe-Meiningen, brought her children back to the family home in Wimbledon, where she struggled to raise them by giving singing recitals and piano lessons.

Feo, as she was known in the family, was determined to follow her elder sister Sylvia onto the stage. After studying at the Italia Conti School, she made her London debut at the age of 15 at the Adelphi Theatre as an urchin in the musical comedy, *Love's Prisoner*.

Advised by Sir James Barrie that Feodora Forde was not an effective stage name, she chose Jane Baxter, after a character in a Booth Tarkington novel. Barrie took a special interest in her, and when Jean Forbes-Robertson fell ill while playing the title role in *Peter Pan* at the Gaiety Theatre in January 1928, Baxter stepped in for one week. As a result Jan Jay and P. G. Wodehouse offered her the leading role in their comedy *A Damsel in Distress*.

Baxter's willowy figure, appealing grey eyes and charming personality also brought her screen offers. After her debut in two early talkies, *Bedrock* and *Bed and Breakfast*, she played the lead, opposite Charles Laughton, in the thriller *Down River*. In 1930 she married the British racing driver Clive Dunfee, who announced that she had persuaded him to retire.

But, possibly feeling overshadowed by her growing success, he reneged on his promise never to race again and in 1932 he was killed at Brooklands. His wife, who was watching the race, looked on in horror.

But she courageously honoured her contract to star with Fay Compton and Owen Nares in the play ironically (given the circumstances) entitled *Once A Husband*, and was received on her first entrance with a long and sympathetic ovation at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket.

After several more West End appearances her next film, *The Night of the Party*, was directed by Michael Powell, who was later to refer to it as "this piece of junk". He and Baxter had a brief affair. After two more films Baxter landed the romantic lead opposite Richard Tauber in the Viennese musical *Blossom Time*. Although never a singer, she insisted on not being "dubbed" for her only song, delivering it in a stylish recitative that anticipated by 22 years Rex Harrison's technique in *My Fair Lady*.

This beguiling performance brought offers from Hollywood. But, despite starring in the beautifully made *We Live Again* (1934) opposite Fredric March, and with Ann Harding in *The Enchanted April* (1936), she was unimpressed by Tinseltown. Even though Ronald Colman, then at the peak of his international fame, fell deeply in love with her, she decided that she could never live in Hollywood. She returned to Britain to film *Royal Cavalcade*, with the young John Mills and Chili Bouchier; *Drake of England*; *The Clairvoyant*, with Claude Rains and Fay Wray; and *Line Engaged*, a thriller.



But she thought little of her film roles and in August 1935 she joined the repertory company at the Liverpool Playhouse. The leading actor there, Michael Redgrave, "viewed her arrival with some alarm", half expecting a spoilt, temperamental film star. He found instead "a delightful actress". They remained close friends and Baxter became godmother to Redgrave's actress daughter Vanessa. On the London stage she had her greatest success, as the flirtatious Frankie in Gerald Savory's comedy *George and Margaret*, which ran at Wyndham's Theatre for two years from February 1937.

Her wartime work included a run in *George and Margaret*, revived at the Piccadilly Theatre, and her best ever film role as an admiral's daughter in the wartime Fleet Air Arm drama *Ships with Wings* (1941). *The Flemish Farm* (1942) was about wartime heroics in Nazi-occupied Belgium.

After the war she had her Broadway debut in 1947 at the Royale Theatre, New York, as Cecily Cardew in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, with John Gielgud and Margaret Rutherford. Her sole Shakespearean appearance was in 1948 with the Old Vic Company as a vivacious Viola in *Twelfth Night* — Alec Guinness's directorial debut.

Among her stage work in the 1950s was a starring role in the comedy *Indian Summer* at the Criterion (1951); in 1952, at the Westminster Theatre, she originated one of the English stage's most effective postwar thrillers, *Dial M for Murder*. After her last film, *All Hallow'e'en* (1953), she made several television appearances but she continued to be busy on stage in fare as different as William Douglas Home's *A Friend Indeed* (1966) and in Ibsen's *Ghosts* at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds.

Her final West End role was at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, in April 1972, when she played opposite Sir Michael Redgrave in John Mortimer's autobiographical play *A Voyage Round My Father*. Redgrave agreed to take his part only on condition that Baxter was cast opposite him. Her last stage role was at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, in 1978, with Richard Todd in *Assault*.

After the death in 1978 of her second husband, Brigadier Arthur Montgomery (whom she had married in the early days of the war), she retired to Wimbledon, where she delivered meals-on-wheels to local residents. In July 1992 she appeared at the London Palladium in a tribute to Evelyn Laye, and received the loudest cheers of the evening.

She spent the last weeks of her life peacefully at home, cared for by her two daughters and a son, who survive her.

PETER BENNETT

Peter Bennett, OBE, Chairman of W H Smith & Son Holdings, 1977-82, died in hospital in Brighton on September 15 aged 79. He was born in Toronto, Ontario, on February 7, 1917.

ONLY the second chairman of W H Smith not to be a member of the Smith family, Peter Bennett succeeded the first, his brother-in-law, Sir Charles ("Dick") Troughton, in February 1977, having been chairman of the operating company from 1972 to 1974.

He became a director of Thorn-EMI in 1977, a director of Lloyds & Scottish in 1979, and chairman of SLS Environetics in 1981. A Canadian by birth, though of British parents, Peter Ward Bennett was educated at Upper Canada College and the University of Toronto.

During the Second World War he served with the Canadian Army in Europe. He was at first a platoon commander with the 1st Battalion the 48th Highlanders of Canada, subsequently being promoted to become Brigade Major for an infantry formation at the D-Day landings.

He was then appointed to command one of the Toronto battalions of the Essex-Scottish Regiment in the Canadian Infantry Corps. He led it from the fierce fighting around Caen and the hard-fought action at Falaise, through the dour slog up into the Low Countries on the left flank of the 21st Army Group in bitter winter weather. In these grim battles his battalion distinguished itself for its tenacity.

After the capture of Antwerp in the autumn of 1944 he was appointed GSO1 to the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division, serving with it to the end of the war.

The war over, Bennett returned to Toronto to complete his professional qualification, and to practise as a chartered accountant there. He was instrumental in setting up the W H Smith Canadian business and was then invited to join the board of the parent company in Britain as a managing director.

Over the years Peter Bennett was closely connected with the reorganisation of the retail side of the business, notably the introduction of central buying. Indeed, he played a major part in bringing about revolutionary changes and innovations in the W H Smith system generally, taking the initiative over the firm's development abroad, and over the establishment of Book Club Associates.

Bennett took a lively and progressive interest in staff welfare, and in social welfare,



and among other things he arranged a "Willing Hands" operation through Smith's retail branches as a kind of clearing house, matching the problems of individuals with available services, official and voluntary.

A certain taciturnity and brusqueness covered an innate shyness and a warm generosity of spirit and action, while those who might have at first considered him something of a philistine were often confounded at incidental revelations of wide reading and, especially, of a deep musical appreciation. He retired from the W H Smith chair in 1982 and was succeeded by Simon (now Sir Simon) Hornby. In retirement he lived in Sussex.

Peter Bennett is survived by his wife Anne, and by one son and three daughters.

BRIGADIER MALCOLM DENNISON

Brigadier Malcolm Dennison, Lord-Lieutenant of Orkney, died on August 30 aged 72. He was born on March 19, 1924.

ORKNEY and Oman were for Malcolm Dennison twin Arcadias where he found the solitude and company of friends in the measure he sought them. As a key member of the Sultan of Oman's Armed Forces Intelligence from 1955 to 1983, he contributed to the process which preserved the Sultanate and the stability of the country from the various threats, external and internal, which occurred during that period. When the medieval-style autocracy of Oman's 13th Sultan Sa'id bin Taimur, was replaced by that of the modernising Sultan Qaboos, his presence at the heart of the country's intelligence network helped to ease the transition.

That the country is now prosperous, modern, virtually crime-free and proud of its achievements is in some measure due to Dennison, who contributed behind the scenes to that process. As development and the new bureaucracy tended to smother age-old custom, especially in redress of grievances, he was always ready and often able to help.

He was deeply interested in Oman and its people, and his affection for each communicated itself to friend and foe alike as his patient ear encouraged both to unburden themselves to him. And there were never any whispers of hatred from those whom he might once have regarded as the enemies of Oman's stability.

Malcolm Gray Dennison was born in Blantyre, Nyasaland, of Orcadian parents. His father, who died in 1935, was manager of tea and tobacco estates. Educated at Lincoln School and Edinburgh University, he joined the RAF in 1943. After training in Canada he served as a navigator in 3 Group operations over Europe, supplying Resistance movements with stores and munitions in occupied countries from France to Norway.

He was posted to the Middle East in 1946 and served in Egypt before spending 1947-48 at the Middle East School of Arabic Studies in Lebanon. Thereafter he held intelligence appointments in RAF Egypt and, briefly, in Aden. His last appointment before retirement was Squadron Leader (Intelligence and Operations) at Waddington, a station then commanded by the celebrated "Willie" Tait who had led 617 "Dambusters" Squadron when it first crippled, then finally sank, the German battleship *Tirpitz* in a Norwegian fiord in 1944.

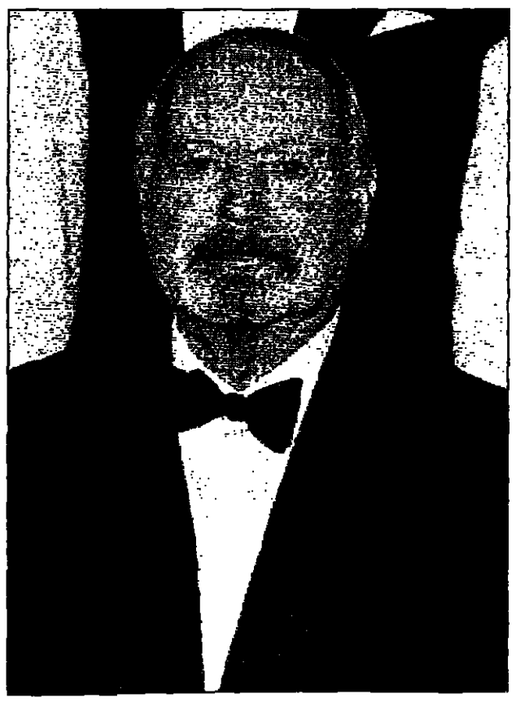
In 1953 he joined the Bahrain Petroleum Company as personnel officer. But he was soon disenchanted with oil camp life. When in 1955 he was offered a three-year contract with the Muscat and Oman Field Force (MOFF), he seized the opportunity, and so began nearly 30 years in the service of the Sultans of Oman. He rose from the rank of captain and squadron commander in the MOFF — in effect political-cum-intelligence officer — to brigadier and adviser on national security affairs to the present ruler of Oman, Sultan Qaboos.

Dennison took part in the operations in 1955 when the Sultan of Muscat and Oman (as the country was known until 1970) decided to exert his authority over the sheikhs of interior Oman and his forces occupied Nizwa and the whole of Oman proper. Dennison was later wounded — and left with a permanent and painful disability — while on reconnaissance in the South East of the country. He had hardly returned to duty in mid-1957 before he was involved in the disastrous failure of an operation to round up leading dissidents.

Subsequently he played a conspicuous part in the two-year campaign by the Sultan's forces which, with the support of British Army and RAF units, eventually ended the insurrection. His lasting contribution was to win by his charm and integrity the trust and respect of the Omanis, from the ruler down through the leaders of the tribes and communities to the citizens and soldiers.

But in 1965 Dhofar, the southern province of Oman whose hardy mountain tribes were finding the autocratic rule of Sultan Sa'ib bin Taimur particularly oppressive, rose in revolt. Backed and armed by the neighbouring People's Republic of Yemen, they had taken control of nine tenths of Dhofar country by 1970.

It was clear that the Sultan would lose the province to the Marxist rebels unless drastic steps were taken, and in July 1970 his son Qaboos removed him in a bloodless coup and became Sultan. British SAS troops were now brought in in numbers to work alongside the Sultan's armed forces, and between them the SAS and SAF brought the insurrection under control in five years. By 1975 the last groups of rebels had surrendered or decamped to Yemen.



Dennison played no direct part in the assumption of power by Qaboos, but as Director of Intelligence and a member of the National Defence Council he was a link with the able and experienced exiles who had fled abroad to escape Sultan Sa'ib's oppressions and were to return home to play their parts in the fledgeling Government of the young Sultan. People trusted him as a sincere champion of the new reign. And as national security adviser to Sultan Qaboos, he was able to keep his fingers on the pulse of the scattered, disparate and expectant peoples of Oman.

His services were acknowledged by the awards of the Order of Oman and the Sultan's Distinguished Service Medal.

Dennison retired to his family home in Orkney in 1983 but retained his links with Oman, where he was a regular visitor until three years ago, when his cancer was first diagnosed. He was always a very private person, but he enjoyed the company of his friends and his books.

He became chairman of the Friends of St Magnus Cathedral and was appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Orkney in 1990. He was made Commander with Star of the Norwegian Order of Merit during the state visit of the King of Norway.

He did not marry and is survived by his elder sister and two brothers.

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THE TEMPLES OF PHILAE.

EFFECTS OF SUBMERSION.
(FROM AN ASSUAN CORRESPONDENT.)

The final work on the great dam at Assuan is now completed, and in the coming autumn the water is to be raised to its full height in the reservoir south of the first cataract of the Nile. During the past ten years the dam, as originally planned, has been utilized for storing water, and winter visitors to Egypt have of late been accustomed to see the Temples of Philae partly submerged. The floor of the Hall of Columns in the Temple of Isis has heretofore been the highest point reached by the water, and a consideration of the effects of soaking on the lower portions of the various temples will show us what may be expected when the reservoir level is raised an additional 18ft. . . .

Readers will recall that the fall of many pillars in the great Hall of Columns at Karnak some years ago was due to the effect of salt crystallization on sandstone. The lower courses and bases of many of the columns had been badly corroded by the action of brackish water for ages, but so long as the accumulation of rubbish and earth inside the building was undisturbed, the columns were held up by it. When the Hall was cleared, this support was removed and the fall of one column involved many more. In this case the matter has now been remedied by the construction of concrete bases that replace the crumbled sandstone. When the action of water and salt produces the same effect at Philae the defective stones can be replaced as required, and the structure will still stand, at the cost, of course, of all the sculpture and inscriptions that will have vanished with the original stones.

On examination during the month of July of this year it was found that this decay of the stone is present at Philae and can be detected in the floor blocks and in the bases and lower courses of the columns in the Hypostyle Hall, and in a less degree in the outer and lower-lying portions of the Temples. As a specimen of the degree to which this decay may advance under suitable conditions the present writer instances certain columns in the Hypostyle Hall at Karnak (in the unexcavated hall), where, on scratching with the finger nail upon the exterior of the block, the sand that once was stone pours away as in a sandpit.

Such a state of things occurring in Philae will be duly remedied by the engineers of the Irrigation Service, who, being in charge of the dam, are also in a measure the guardians of Philae; the result after some years will be that we shall have an Engineers' not a Ptolemy's Temple.

But when the water is raised to its full height this corrosion will commence in the painted capitals and roof blocks of the famous Hall of Columns. Observation of the traces of paint on the lower registers of the Temple walls shows that, upon the soaking of the stone, the thin layer of plaster which holds the paint rapidly becomes detached and falls. So this must be the fate of these lovely capitals. It has been stated that the water will come only up to the vertical flutings below the capitals of the columns, but, even if this be so, the effect will be the same, for the water will be drawn up into the stone to some distance above the actual surface-level and the peeling of the plaster and paint will follow . . .

In the early days of next January the destruction will take place of some of the chief beauties of a temple that has aroused the admiration of generations. The buildings may remain indefinitely, but those halls and pylons, which, belted about by graceful trees, stood commandingly above the river, will be as the hulk of a derelict ship aground in tide-water, her once graceful lines and decorated cabin draped with weeds and green slime, a place of reeking damp and foul smells when the receding tide permits of entry.

ON THIS DAY

September 17, 1912

The Aswan dam was completed in 1902 and enlarged in 1934. Philae Island was submerged by the Aswan High Dam in 1971; most of its monuments were removed.

Small firms to take on different role by 2006

BY BRIAN COLLETT

MORE small businesses will be dependent on large companies in ten years' time. They will be contracted to supply corporations, losing some of their traditional independence.

The reliance, however, will work both ways and small businesses will become increasingly indispensable to larger firms.

Ted Fuller, director of the Small Business Foresight Programme at Durham University Business School, has built up a picture of small traders in 2006. Mr Fuller will be among speakers at the Foresight team's London conference next month on the business scene in 2006.

Mr Fuller said the small business role was already changing. "It has been seen almost as a panacea for unemployment," he said. "Now it is more of a motor in the economy." He expected many more spin-off businesses of limited life to serve specific projects, run by partnerships of large and small companies.

Many businesses will be created by staff leaving large employers through redundancy or early retirement, predicted Mark Scott, of the small business services department of NatWest, which sponsors the Durham team. He said that the average age of people forming businesses would be higher because large companies seek younger employees, and young unemployed people are more likely to find work.

NatWest research shows that this is already happening — the average age of people starting up in 1988 was 33, but by 1991 it was 38. The result, said Mr Scott, would be a higher survival rate, because older people would have wider experience.

Another development would be a growth in niche markets as people sought more unusual themes or followed fashions, said Mr Scott. "The bank may need specialised managers to look after them," he said. He also expects more women entrepreneurs to level up the present 70/30 ratio.

The conference, sponsored by Microsoft, will be at the Royal Society on Thursday, October 17. The fee is £250 plus VAT. Details: 091-374 2258.

Advisers get a lesson in needs of the blind entrepreneur

BY JENNAI COX

A TRAINING programme to show business advisadvisers how to help the blind and the partially sighted to set up their own businesses has been launched by the Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB). Funded with a £188,000 National Lotteries Charities Board grant over two years, the scheme aims to show organisations that provide advice and money for entrepreneurs the problems that visually-impaired people have to overcome.

A greater proportion of businesses set up by blind and partially-sighted entrepreneurs are still going after three years than is the case with businesses started by the sighted. Yet access to continuing advice from banks and training and enterprise councils (Tecs), one of the key ways of preventing business failure, is rarely presented in a way that they can use.

Lack of venture capital, needing help with marketing and difficulties with mobility are some of the barriers that the sight-impaired come up against. Because they cannot see advertisements, most have little idea of competition, and information on assistance available to business is rarely provided in braille. Tecs also tend to target companies of more than 250 people, says Ann Boylan, manager of the RNIB's self-employment development unit. "So, if you are small and blind, nobody wants to listen," she says.

However, the biggest barrier, according to Ms Boylan, is persuading people that the blind are as capable as the sighted. "Perceptions are the worst barrier," she said.



Nick Hall says that his belief in himself musically has helped him to overcome blindness

"People regard visually impaired people as lacking intelligence, but there are also the perceptions within the individual. They get so used to being perceived as incapable that they become dejected."

A video being launched with the training project, which will be piloted in Birmingham and London before going nationwide, features some of the estimated 9,000 visually impaired people who have succeeded in business on their own. These include a physiotherapist, an engineer, a cycle mechanic, a wood turner and a dress designer. However, for all of them, there are thousands who have been left by the wayside, Ms Boylan says.

She said: "The solution lies in training advisers to recognise the potential of blind and partially-sighted people. They are key contributors to the economy and all of them very determined to succeed."

Nick Hall, 39, who lost his sight 18 years ago, says that his belief in himself musically has helped him to overcome his disability. Flugelhorn and trumpet music that he has written and recorded is used on the training video. "A visual handicap does not have to be a problem," he says. "Getting known is just a very long process."

At the start of each training day, a series of which start in London on September 25, the participating advisers will be handed a list of aims for the day — written in braille. "From the start, they will not know what is going on," Ms Boylan says. "We are reversing what happens to many of our clients."

After watching the video, there will be role-playing in which participants will be blindfolded, a discussion of myths and facts about being blind and a plan drawn up of how a visually impaired person should be interviewed. Each person will also be asked to draw up an audit of their company's attitudes to sight-impaired people. The RNIB hopes to have 500 business advisers trained by the end of the first year.

Because of the difficulties that they face getting and retaining a job, many visually impaired people prefer to work for themselves. In a recent survey, 50 per cent of employers said that they would not hire anyone with "difficulty in seeing".

Of the 100,820 blind and partially sighted people of working age in the United Kingdom, around two thirds do not have a job and more than half have not worked for ten years.

Having their own business puts the visually impaired in control and gives them independence, Ms Boylan says. There is more job satisfaction and they do not have to put up with physical barriers or discriminatory attitudes in the workplace. "For many, though, there is no other option," she says.

RNIB awareness week, from September 9 to 15, involved urging the Government to look at weaknesses in the Disability Discrimination Act, which comes into effect on December 2, such as the exemption of small firms from its scope. However, overall the RNIB remains optimistic. Ann Boylan says: "Our blind and partially sighted clients demonstrate time and time again that anything is possible."

☐ For information on the training awareness days, call the RNIB self-employment development unit on 0171-388 1266 ext 2224



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Women begin to take the initiative

BY RODNEY HOBSON

SMALL business start-ups in the first six months of 1996 totalled 170,000, the same as in the first half of last year, figures produced by NatWest Bank show. The bank expects the total for this year to reach 350,000, an increase of 5 per cent on last year.

NatWest has noted a trend towards women setting up on their own to provide personal services ranging from gardening and laundry to private tuition and aromatherapy.

Women start only three in ten new businesses, but more than half of the one-person operations. Ian Peters, head of small business, says: "Women are the business opportunists of the Nineties. They are seeing, and even predicting, the gaps in the market and are more ready than ever to chase up the chances provided by the changing world of work.

"While women began to enter the boardrooms in a high-profile way in the Eighties, the fact that they are now establishing themselves as business developers of the decade in one particular sector has largely gone unnoticed."

The new one-woman enterprises are mainly in the South and usually begun by women aged 25 to 34. They are overwhelmingly from the C1 and C2 social groups and work from home. Start-ups have tailed off in central London, with fewer than 2,000 in the second quarter.

BRIEFINGS

Virtual business on the Internet

A second three-month course in which people will set up virtual businesses on the Internet will be started by the London Enterprise Agency and University College London in January. Participants will join a business club when the course ends to help them with informal networking. For more details, call 0171-236 3000.

☐ The Welsh Office will launch a helpline this autumn to provide technical advice and information for farmers considering switching to organic farming methods. The information will cover standards, registration, and the type of support available under the Government's Organic Aid scheme. Free follow-up farm visits will also be offered to provide detailed advice on the specific organic conversion needs of individual farmers.

☐ BS7890, a new British Standard for prompt payment, has been launched by the Government to reduce the difficulties that small businesses face when payments are delayed. The standard sets out procedures for both buyers and sellers. Trading standards officers will be able to investigate cases of non-compliance by those claiming to abide by the standard. Copies of BS7890 may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 0181-996 7000.

☐ Air UK, the scheduled airline, is helping the Livewire campaign to encourage small businesses to break into export markets by providing 100 free and subsidised flights for owner-managers to visit potential markets.

☐ A series of six workshops for Hampshire boatbuildiers and others in the maritime industry begins at Hamble River Sailing Club on October 5. A heavy subsidy from Business Link Hampshire has brought down the cost to £20 plus VAT per workshop. Details from Mark Woodroof on 01329 223203.

☐ Three bodies in factoring and invoice discounting have joined to create the Factors & Discounters' Association. It has 27 members financing sales of £37 million.

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Law Report September 17 1996 Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Total sentence relevant when applying credit for time in custody

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Naughton

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Popplewell

[Reasons September 4]

To determine what period to deduct from the sentence of a prisoner who was serving consecutive sentences, in respect of any period spent by him in custody on remand prior to those sentences being imposed, regard should be had to section 104(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, so that one looked at the total sentence rather than its individual elements when computing the appropriate reduction.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when giving reasons for dismissing on August 29 an application for judicial review by John Thomas Naughton of the decision of the Home Secretary on August 23 to suspend the current Home Office instruction to prison governors giving guidance, inter alia, on their duties to release prisoners, and which the applicant alleged applied to the calculation of his release date.

Section 67 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, as amended by section 49 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, provides:

"(1) The length of any sentence of imprisonment imposed on an offender by a court shall be treated as reduced by any relevant period. . .

"(1A) In subsection (1) above 'relevant period' means (a) any period during which the offender was in police detention in connection with the offence for which the sentence was passed; or (b) any period during which he was in custody — (i) by reason only of having been committed to custody by an order of a court made in connection with any proceedings relating to that sentence or the offence for which it was passed or any proceedings from which those proceedings arose; or (ii) by reason of his having been so committed and having been concurrently detained otherwise than by order of a court."

Section 104 provides: "(2) For the purposes of any references in this Act, however expressed, to the term of imprisonment or other detention to which a person has been sentenced or which, or part of which, he has served, consecutive terms and terms which are wholly or partly concurrent, shall . . . be treated as a single term."

Mr Peter Weatherby for the applicant; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Pushpinder Saini for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the specific point concerned prisoners serving consecutive sentences of imprisonment; those serving concurrent sentences were not directly affected, although their position was of relevance.

The facts of the present case provided a convenient illustration of the problem that arose. The applicant contended he should have been released in December 1995. He was arrested on September 26, 1994, for possession of cannabis, remanded in custody and not admitted to bail until January 9, 1995, 106 days later.

During that period he was sentenced to a short period of imprisonment for other offences for which he served 25 days, between November 18 and December 12, 1994. Thus he was in custody only in connection with the proceedings for the cannabis offence for a total of 81 days of the initial period of 106 days.

On March 23, 1995, having been on bail for some two months, he was arrested for burglary and remanded in custody, in connection with proceedings both for the cannabis offence and for the burglary.

On November 17, 1995, 239 days later, he was sentenced at Sheffield Crown Court to 18 months imprisonment for each of the offences, the sentences to run consecutively: total 36 months imprisonment.

There was no dispute that in the computation of the overall sentence and release date he was entitled to credit in respect of 81 days plus 239 days. He contended, however, that he was entitled to be credited with the second period of remand, the 239 days, not just once but twice.

Mr Weatherby, relying on four cases dealing with concurrent sentences: *R v Governor of Blundeston Prison, Ex parte Gaffney* ([1982] 1 WLR 696), *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Read* ((1987) 9 Cr App R (S) 206), *R v Governor of Styal Prison, Ex parte Mooney* ([1996] 1 Cr App R (S) 74) and *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Woodward and Wilson* (unreported, June 24, 1996), contended that the courts had adopted an approach to the construction of section 67 of the 1967 Act which applied to consecutive sentence cases.

He said that if that approach produced an anomaly, the law could be changed. If the 1967 Act was ambiguous, such ambiguity had to be resolved in the applicant's favour.

Mr Pannick submitted that the contention that time served on remand should be deducted from each consecutive sentence produced results so absurd that the court should so conclude only if compelled to do so by the plainest statutory language. Furthermore, nothing in the legislation or the *Ex parte Gaffney* line of cases required such a conclusion.

His Lordship said that Mr Pannick's first submission was clearly powerful; indeed, it scarcely required elaboration. There could be no possible justification or logic for remand prisoners being as advantaged as the applicant contended. Such a situation was almost too absurd to contemplate.

Nor was it any answer to suggest that the courts could adjust their sentences to take account of the phenomenon. Not only would it throw over all established principles as to the imposition of consecutive sentences and the guideline decisions upon the appropriate level of sentencing for various offences, but on occasion it would also run up against problems of maximum sentences.

However, the difficulty arose in relation to Mr Pannick's further submission. The critical issue in the *Ex parte Gaffney* line of cases was how periods of remand in custody should be treated in concurrent sentence cases: see *Ex parte Mooney* (at p76). Although the point arose in those cases in different circumstances, the courts reached their conclusion on the point essentially by reference to the language of section 67.

For example in *Ex parte Mooney* (at p77) the court regarded the crucial words in section 67(1) to be "sentence of imprisonment" in the first line and that they referred to each individual sentence imposed rather than the total produced by the various different concurrent sentences; it might also appear that had the court thought the words referred to the total sentence imposed, a different result would have followed.

The case was criticised by academic commentators: *Criminal Law Review* ([1995] pp753-754) and *Current Sentencing Practice News* (August 7, 1995; issue 4, pp8-10).

The court in *Ex parte Woodward and Wilson* was aware of that criticism but followed the previous authorities.

Thus Mr Weatherby's argument was that the courts' construction of the words "any sentence of imprisonment" in section 67(1) in relation to concurrent sentences as referring to the term imposed for each individual offence, the particular approach, had to apply in consecutive sentence cases.

Each consecutive sentence then fell to be treated as reduced by any "relevant period", such "relevant period" including, by section 67(1A)(b)(i), the period spent on remand in custody even though the remand related to more than one offence.

Mr Pannick contended, first, that if it was necessary, consistently with the *Ex parte Gaffney* line of cases, to look at each individual sentence when computing the relevant period of deduction, then nevertheless the prisoner could only benefit once from any given period spent on remand. If that was deducted from the first consecutive sentence, it could not be claimed also in reduction of any other consecutive sentence.

His Lordship said that that argument appeared to owe rather more to common sense than to statutory construction. As a matter of language it was difficult to see how the section allowed the "relevant period" to be computed differently for one consecutive sentence rather than another.

The second argument was that regard should be had to section 104(2), so that one looked at the total sentence rather than its individual elements when computing the appropriate reduction for time spent in custody on remand.

His Lordship said that such an approach solved the problem of the present challenge entirely, at the cost, however, of apparent inconsistency with the approach in the *Ex parte Gaffney* line of cases.

It appeared to involve using the global or aggregate approach to section 67(1) rather than the particular approach established as appropriate in concurrent sentence cases.

One result of section 67 which, in his Lordship's view, Parliament could not possibly have intended was that contended for by the applicant.

It would produce a complete nonsense. Whatever might be said about the language of the section it certainly did not lead clearly to that result.

Powerful and logical though the applicant's argument might appear at first blush from the *Ex parte Gaffney* line of cases, and no doubt it was that power and logic which caused the prison service, so soon after *Ex parte Woodward and Wilson* to introduce the new release guidelines, it could not prevail.

If, indeed, consistency with the approach of those cases required consecutive sentences to be so dealt with, his Lordship would unhesitatingly conclude that that approach was wrong.

It was unnecessary and inappropriate in the present case to reach any final conclusion as to whether it was indeed possible to construe section 67 sensibly so far as consecutive sentences were concerned consistently with the correctness of the present approach in concurrent sentence cases.

Suffice to say that his Lordship's preferred path of construction to Mr Pannick's undoubtedly sensible, indeed compelling, conclusion as to how consecutive sentence cases had to be treated was by way of section 104(2).

If that route was thought difficult to reconcile with the *Ex parte Gaffney* approach, so be it.

Whether the *Ex parte Gaffney* approach could usefully be looked at yet again, was not for his Lordship to say. On any view it would plainly be difficult to overthrow.

Over-precipitate action should clearly be avoided, and any further challenge should ideally go before a full Divisional Court presided over perhaps by the Lord Chief Justice.

An alternative would be to legislate urgently for absolute clarity. That, however, was for the future.

Although in the present case the court had thought it right to give leave to move for judicial review, it had no hesitation in dismissing the application at the conclusion of the case.

Mr Justice Popplewell delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: John Howell & Co, Sheffield: Treasury Solicitor.

Identifying child cases which are suitable for a split hearing

In re S (Minor) (Care order: Split hearing)

Before Mrs Justice Bracewell

[Judgment August 29]

Courts and practitioners needed to be alert to identify those cases which were suited to a split hearing; in general cases in which there was a clear issue such as sexual or physical abuse. Local authorities and guardians ad litem could and should assist the court to identify such cases in order to prevent delay and the ill-focused use of scarce expert resources.

In contested cases, experts in the same field of expertise should be required to meet in advance of the hearing to identify areas of agreement and dispute, which should then be incorporated into a schedule for the court.

Mrs Justice Bracewell so held in the Family Division in open court, following a judgment given in chambers. Her Ladyship indicated that no information should be disclosed which might reveal the identity of the parties or the locality of the case.

MRS JUSTICE BRACEWELL said that the *Children Act Advisory Committee's Annual Report 1994-1995* (Lord Chancellor's Department, family policy division) stated (at p19) that consideration should be given to whether questions of fact in a particular case, such as an allegation of physical or sexual abuse, might need to be determined at a preliminary stage and in such a case the early resolution of those issues would then enable the substantive hearing to proceed more speedily and to focus on the child's welfare with greater clarity.

The present case was an example of such a case.

The application for a care order for S was dated April 10, 1995 and arose out of S's presentation at hospital on March 30, 1995, when aged 10 months, with life-threatening injuries.

The full hearing in the High Court commenced on June 18, 1996, that is, some 14 months after issue of the application. Even then the local authority was unable to present a definitive care plan, nor could the guardian ad litem recommend any particular outcome, because the stark factual issues required determination before any future placement could be considered.

Various assessments of the parenting capacity of the mother, father and step-father had been carried out, involving highly qualified experts at considerable expense of resources and time, but none could make firm recommendations.

The issues were clear from an early stage of the preparation for the hearing:

1 Had S suffered non-accidental injuries; if yes, on how many occasions?

2 Who was the perpetrator? There were three candidates living in two separate households, the mother and step-father in the house where S lived, or the father in a separate household where he had contact with S for several hours each Sunday.

As soon as medical evidence was obtained it was clear the area of factual dispute was as to the identity of the perpetrator which involved investigation of the causation and timing of the injuries, the pattern of S's movements between the two households, and the statements and explanations given by the adult carers. Until resolution of those issues, any consideration of the outcome for the child was neither feasible nor desirable.

When the case first came before her Ladyship at a final directions hearing some three weeks before the fixed trial date, she gave directions for the hearing to be in two stages: first, to determine factual issues with a judgment on the findings, which occupied eight days; and second, to determine the outcome based on those facts, which occurred after a weekend for reflection by the parties.

Her Ladyship regretted very much the delay in the case, caused by the failure to appreciate the stark clear issues which required timetabling in stages.

At a very early stage of the proceedings, and as soon as the guardian ad litem had had the opportunity to consider the papers, the court should have given directions for the filing of any medical evidence, for which leave was given, and for the filing of the parties' statements, and directed an early hearing as to the factual issues.

The medical evidence adduced by the mother, father and step-father consisted of reports and comment on hospital records and treatment given to S, and did not involve any periodic nor even any further examination of the child.

In those circumstances the determination of the factual issues could have been timetabled to be heard and determined within weeks of the application for a care order being filed.

In the light of the findings of fact, any assessments of the parties could then have been focused on those findings and timetabled. Such a procedure would have prevented delay in determining S's future, who was 10 months old when injured and was now over two years old.

Alongside other authorities, *In re C (Children Act 1989: Expert evidence)* (*The Times* December 7, 1994; [1995] 1 FLR 204) provided guidance as to the use of experts in contested cases, and clearly laid down that it should be a condition of appointment that the experts in the same field of expertise should be required to meet and discuss the issues in advance of the hearing in order to identify areas of agreement and dispute, which should then be incorporated into a schedule for the court: see pp24-27 of the *Annual Report 1994-95*.

Her Ladyship said that the same conditions should be made to the filing of reports by an expert who had treated the child prior to the application for a care order.

In the present case, leave was granted for various experts to be instructed and to file reports. No provision was made at the directions hearings for any joint letters of instruction; no directions were given to ensure each expert was supplied with all relevant documentation including all hospital records and statements from the parties.

In consequence some of the experts were supplied with different and incomplete information. Further, no directions were given requiring the experts to meet in advance of the hearing.

In the event, the experts did not meet. A schedule of agreement was produced by one of them who assumed the responsibility for circulating a questionnaire to each of the others so as to seek a consensus on the crucial issues of causation and timing of the injuries.

The schedule consisted of various propositions as to causation and timing to which each expert was invited to state whether he agreed, disagreed or could not comment. Some of the answers given were plainly at variance with the written reports from the same expert.

In consequence six experts had to be called, which revealed:

(a) inadequate background information had been provided to some of the doctors,

(b) not all the up-to-date opinions had been circulated among the experts,

(c) errors of significance appeared in the schedule,

(d) some of the experts felt under considerable pressure to reach a consensus with which they did not wholly agree and complained that their views were misrepresented by the schedule, and

(e) one expert significantly changed his opinion when confronted with information he felt he should have had when forming his opinion.

Considerable court and expert time, money and resources were expended as a result, which could and should have been avoided if good practice had been followed, and the advance round table meeting had been a requirement for the experts who should have been fully briefed upon joint instructions setting out the issues in the case and itemising the documentation.

Her Ladyship expressed regret at what had happened and hoped lessons could be learnt for the future preparation and conduct of cases.

Correction

In *Phillips v Taunton and Somerset NHS Trust and Another The Times* (August 15) Bevan Ashford, Bristol, were solicitors for the first defendant, the NHS trust: Le Brasseur J. Tickle for the second defendant, Mr Rainey; and Rowley Ashworth, Wimbledon, for the plaintiff.

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It is the manager that has been Mr Staskiewicz's most common transfer in the four weeks of ITF this season. Three managers in four weeks is not out of place when you consider the number of managers in the real world that have been dismissed during the opening weeks of the football season.

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Goalkeeper
D James (Liverpool)

Full backs
S I Bjornebye (Liverpool)
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F Leboeuf (Chelsea)
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D Saunders (Nottm Forest)
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	OUT		
61501.....	Howard Wilkinson	Leeds United	£2.00m
60901.....	Billy Kirkwood	Dundee United	£0.50m
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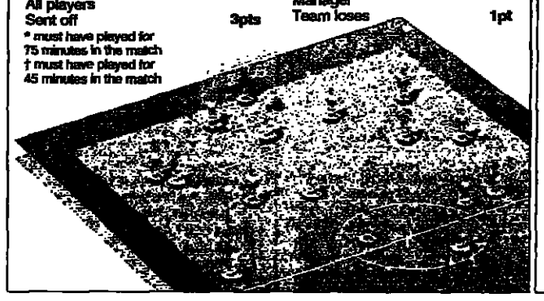
POINTS SCORED

Goalkeeper		Striker	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	2pts
Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	1pt
Full backs/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	6pts
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	3pts
Midfield player		Team draws	1pt
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED

Goalkeeper		Booked	1pt
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty	1pt
Full backs/Central defender		Misses penalty	1pt
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal	1pt
All players		Manager	
Sent off	3pts	Team loses	1pt

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



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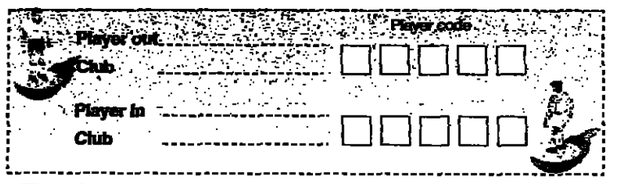
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Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
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2	Nobby 34	(J Brown)	148
3	Best Of The Best	(R Ruparelia)	145
4	Daggers	(V Cox)	144
5	The Foreign Legion	(S Allen)	143
6=	Ginger	(T P Lesh)	142
6=	Flying Foreigners	(D Thomas)	142
8	Aldecourcic Villa	(M Jukes)	140
9=	White Feathers	(M Catchpole)	139
9=	Essex Eagles 96 FC	(C Jennings)	139
11=	A2	(K Farhall)	138
11=	Non Englishmen XI	(J Mohammed)	138
11=	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	138
11=	Erevenge On Judus F	(N Hir)	138
15=	Albian Harries XI	(A Hynes)	137
15=	On The Up Two	(J Corfield)	137
15=	Inta Goal	(G Lippett)	137
15=	Diffel	(D Findlay)	137
15=	Arif's Allstars	(A Bangi)	137
20=	Goofy's 2nd 11	(P Muldoon)	136
20=	Steve's Spurs	(W Houston)	136
20=	Beyond Fault	(P Foster)	136
20=	West Wonderers	(S West)	136
20=	Caroline B	(A Luckhurst)	136
20=	Priory Rangers	(J Palmer)	136
20=	Sky Times III	(L McCullough)	136
27=	Nobby 5	(J Brown)	135
27=	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	135
27=	AC Fantasy FC	(M Skippen)	135
30=	The Triple Double	(I Rahim)	134
30=	Plastic Fitters 10	(T Feehily)	134
30=	Shack Attack	(R Shackleton)	134
30=	Caps United	(J M Brown)	134
34=	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	133
34=	Watch Out United	(I Kaderdhoy)	133
34=	AFC Domestos	(G Singh Mangat)	133
34=	Arrogent FC	(F K Taylor)	133
34=	The Trawler	(G Bannister)	133
34=	Evans Above FC	(A Crank)	133
40=	Staffis	(I Longstaff)	132
40=	Plan BFC	(R Ayres)	132
40=	Keltic Warriors	(D Concannon)	132
40=	Snappers United	(W Gayter)	132
40=	Natascha's Team	(N Mactariane)	132
40=	Smallbone Rovers	(A Bowd)	132
40=	Thorn Foolery FC	(M Horan)	132
47=	The Big Danes FC	(C Solomons)	131
47=	Hutton Hotspur	(P Sheridan)	131
47=	Class 1	(R J Weston)	131
47=	Le Boeuf And 2 Veg	(M Sawley)	131
51=	Where's Ray Gone?	(P Fromm)	130
51=	Moldova	(I Aldous)	130
51=	Beyond Care	(P Foster)	130
51=	NK3	(N Ross)	130
51=	Cheer Up Mr Greaves	(J Wright)	130
51=	Matthews XI	(M Caunt)	130
51=	Fantasy FC	(B Self)	130
51=	Europe United	(P O'Donnell)	130
51=	Rainbow Captains	(G Weiss)	130
60=	AB 4	(A Boyland)	129
60=	Polly's Pride	(P Smiley)	129
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60=	Hup Harringay	(A Land)	129
60=	4 4 2	(K Browne)	129
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60=	Kamaty United	(N Hussain)	129
60=	Blue Stars	(N Broomhall)	129
60=	Toto Calcio	(A Daye)	129
69=	PJ Thistle	(R Newbould)	128
69=	Dutch Courage	(R van Ruttenbeek)	128

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Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
69=	Turner's Earners 1	(P Turner)	128
69=	United In Footy	(O Aiton)	128
69=	Jones Boys Sky	(M Jones)	128
69=	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	128
69=	Nobby J	(J Brown)	128
69=	The Foreign Legion	(A Cheung)	128
69=	Storm	(P Mills)	128
69=	Parkin's Wizards	(J Parkin)	128
69=	PM Select	(M Kitchen)	128
69=	Sydney's Boys	(H Melbourne)	128
69=	Shooting Stars	(S Scott)	128
69=	Patto's Allstars	(D Pattison)	128
69=	Matt's Marvels	(M Prentice)	128
84=	LA Stars	(L Allum)	127
84=	E	(M Corless)	127
84=	Lesley's Legmen	(L Michaelis)	127
84=	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	127
84=	Wtwic3	(G Atkinson)	127
84=	Selly Luca	(M Jones)	127
84=	Bad Time Boys	(R Crook)	127
84=	The Foreign Legion	(R Horsler)	127
84=	Thames Hotshots	(B Cannon)	127
84=	Soccer Superstars	(J McCallion)	127
84=	Sitting Ducks	(A Piano)	127
84=	Parlez Vous	(A Weir)	127
84=	Gullitisgod	(P Roberts)	127
84=	Spring City	(A L Collins)	127
98=	Saint Vills	(D Barker)	126
98=	Nobby	(J Brown)	126
98=	Ne	(H Somerville)	126
98=	Teb's Toppers	(A Tebbett)	126
98=	Jones Boys One	(M Jones)	126
98=	Seaford Flyers	(L Reed)	126
98=	Wanda	(M Milan)	126
98=	Jones Boys 8	(M Jones)	126
98=	La Triumph	(M Ismail)	126
98=	Run Like A Badger FC	(H Davis)	126
98=	Bumbles XI	(S Jones)	126
98=	Steven's Wonders	(S Montgomery)	126
98=	Dolphin Stars	(D Bowler)	126
98=	Inter Jakes FC	(S A Jakes)	126
98=	By By Two Pound	(A Wray)	126
113=	Botak United 1	(J Pull)	125
113=	Friends 36	(R Fyfe)	125
113=	Look Out Andy Gray	(R Dawson)	125
113=	Abc	(M Baber)	125
113=	Emma And Helen	(D Linsley)	125
113=	Bramhall Bashers	(J Thakkar)	125
113=	Low Flying Swans	(K Morris)	125
113=	Down And Out	(I Carruthers)	125
113=	Silver Shooters	(P Farnworth)	125
113=	The Italian Job	(A Kneen)	125
113=	Beep Cleap Chimney	(M Swallow)	125
113=	Perfecto Allstars	(A Piano)	125
113=	God's Allrounders 2	(S A Godfroy)	125
113=	Aspray First XI	(D Pearce)	125
113=	The Natonauts	(J Hodgson)	125
113=	Harrisons Dream Team	(P Thornton)	125
113=	Shipmates United	(M Barrett)	125
113=	—	(C Haines)	125
113=	One Tree Hill	(M Day)	125
132=	Flavio's Left Foot	(A Ozanne)	124
132=	Ruudy's Blue Boys	(W Whitford)	124
132=	Black Pearls	(R Jones)	124
132=	Matt's Dream 11	(M Barnet)	124
132=	World In Motion	(P Copeland)	124
132=	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	124
132=	Henning Berg Kick I	(I Miura)	124
132=	Brill XI	(R Segar)	124
132=	Johnny Foreigner	(K Saunders)	124
132=	Dream Team 1	(O Ogunjobi)	124
132=	Fowler's Furys	(B Byrnes)	124
132=	Tilch's Terrors	(S Titchener)	124
132=	Cavaliers	(J H Morrison)	124
132=	Sydney's Men	(J H Melbourne)	124
132=	Roisin's Raiders	(P M Handley)	124
132=	Simpson & Co	(P Simpson)	124
132=	Studs Up	(S Taylor)	124
132=	Knighton Nibblers	(N Sharratt)	124
132=	Samba Kids	(J Wright)	124
132=	Sarsaparilla	(G Bowe)	124
132=	Bulstrode Knights	(A R Glover)	124
132=	Rodents Rovers	(M Daniels)	124
154=	Glenmfca	(G Thomas)	123
154=	Jane Will You Marry	(Dav)	123
154=	Ronson's Rovers	(A Campbell)	123
154=	Layton's Lions 7	(R Layton)	123
154=	Jerry Hatricks	(L Hossain)	123
154=	Fuzz Allstars FC	(A Duprey)	123
154=	Alex's Attackers	(A Howes)	123
154=	Perfect XI	(N Shemeld)	123
154=	Foreign Legion	(K Rowling)	123
154=	Unholy Alliance	(I Robinson)	123
154=	Norm's Barmy Army	(A Ahmed)	123
154=	X-Files FC	(J Rowswell)	123
154=	Todd Utd	(I M Todd)	123
154=	Cookie Monsters	(S Barr)	123
154=	Careless Whisper	(L Geary)	123
154=	Elland Jesters	(M Gallagher)	123
154=	Lor Pee's Ponces	(L Pederick)	123
154=	Uni Boys Utd 1	(B Gardiner)	123
154=	Portia FC 2	(S Mellor)	123
173=	12 Sick Parrots	(T Mayor)	122
173=	Lizzie City	(M Gribbin)	122
173=	Nobby 20	(J Brown)	122
173=	New In	(S Newby)	122
173=	Athletico Storm	(P Mills)	122
173=	Inter Continental	(no name)	122
173=	Glen Duffers	(S Wilson)	122
173=	Pamela Anderson	(P Hands)	122
173=	Calstor Mariners	(J Morgan)	122
173=	The First Timers	(M Edwards)	122
173=	—	(no name)	122
173=	Team Goals	(S Farnabe)	122
173=	Champions FC	(T Allerman)	122
173=	The Wonderstuff	(M Oram)	122
173=	Wolf 359	(H Butt)	122
173=	M & M Reds	(M Mathur)	122
173=	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	122
173=	Foreign Legion	(G Mason)	122
173=	Yesathes All	(B Irki)	122
173=	Thompson's XI	(G Thompson)	122
173=	Tamechester Rovers	(M Tame)	122
173=	Ashley FC	(L A Taylor)	122
173=	Brainbows United	(G Weiss)	122
173=	Juniors Kings	(M Jackson)	122
173=	Untouchables	(M Porter)	122
173=	Lynch Mob	(D Lynch)	122
173=	First Eleven	(L Sawley)	122
200=	New Stalino FC	(N Watson)	121
200=	Mac's Monkeys	(M McBride)	121
200=	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	121
200=	Greenhills Strollers	(G Strollers)	121
200=	Yikes Yizzy	(D Flory)	121
200=	King Cantona	(A Oldbury)	121
200=	Little Dons	(P Hoyle)	121
200=	It's About Revenge C	(R Gohil)	121
200=	Fat John's Stars	(J Nugent)	121
200=	Hope And Glory FC	(I Fisher)	121
200=	—	(no name)	121
200=	Primrose Play Boys	(M Cook)	121
200=	Rude Awakening	(R Crompton)	121
200=	Euro Paulo 1	(P O'Connell)	121
200=	Graeme's Greats 1	(G Carvel)	121
200=	Supersonic	(A Shelton)	121
200=	Sporting Rangers	(H Sloan)	121
200=	Wizzards Of Oz	(P Osborn)	121
200=	Dave's Demons 92	(G Daniels)	121
200=	Gallowglass Utd	(M Deery)	121
200=	Smashing	(K Mason)	121
200=	Garrett's Fantasy XI	(S Garratt)	121
200=	Downs Destroyers	(R McCullough)	121
200=	Athletico Chelsea	(S Carrick)	121
200=	Goal Den Greats	(D Webster)	121
200=	Glanluca At Me	(P Naylar)	121
200=	Ginger 1 Loves Kora	(B Irki)	121
200=	Sourless	(M Taylor)	121
200=	Pacemakers Utd	(A Piano)	121
200=	Good Fellas	(C McGowan)	121
200=	Rezi's Rovers	(N Rezaie)	121
200=	Afc Cosa Nostra	(T J Allen)	121
200=	Garfield's Gang	(G Duttfield)	121
200=	Totted One	(E Kisby)	121
234=	Round Robins	(D Brunt)	120
234=	S19	(S Legg)	120
234=	Turner's Earners 3	(P Turner)	120
234=	Percy's Progress	(M Persich)	120
234=	Nobby 13	(J Brown)	120
234=	Al's 1st 11	(A Davies)	120
234=	Stamford Blues	(P K Spall)	120
234=	Crawley Town	(A Burrows)	120
234=	Rams Champions	(D M Moore)	120
234=	Ians XI	(I White)	120
234=	Southside Utd	(P Mulligan)	120
234=	Jones Boys Two	(M Jones)	120
234=	Yeatin Euro's	(P Squire)	120
234=	Dazza's Boys	(D Chambers)	120
234=	Good Times 4	(K J Wieland)	120
234=	Tasha	(I Pigeon)	120
234=	Scampi	(D Collier)	120

The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-3
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	+5	+4
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	+7
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	-8
10301	M Bosnich	*Aston Villa*	3.50	*0*	*0*
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	-1	+8
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn	3.00	-6	-14
10402	S Given	Blackburn	2.00	0	0
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	-1	+2
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	-1	0
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	-1	-19
10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	0	0
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	+4	-6
10901	A Maxwell	*Dundee United*	0.50	-3	-5
10902	L Key	Dundee United	0.50	0	0
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	-2	-9
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	-3	-4
11102	J Kearton	Everton	0.50	0	0
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	0
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	-8	-14
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	+5	+6
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	-5	-18
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	0	0
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	0
11503	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	-3	-8
11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	0
11602	Z Kalac	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	-5	-7
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	+5	+14
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	0
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester Utd	5.00	-1	+1
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester Utd	1.00	0	0
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	-1	-4
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	-1	+1
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle Utd	4.00	0	-3
12102	P Srnicek	Newcastle Utd	3.00	-1	-1
12201	M Crossley	Nottm Forest	2.50	-7	-8
12202	A Fettis	Nottm Forest	0.75	0	0
12203	T Wright	Nottm Forest	0.75	0	0
12301	S Thomson	Raith	0.50	0	-19
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	+5	+12
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	-1
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	-1	-5
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	-3
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	0	0
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	-1	+10
12801	I Walker	Tottenham	3.50	+5	+10
12901	L Miklosko	West Ham	2.00	-3	-10
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	+5	+6
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0	0

FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
20101	S McKimmie	Aberdeen	2.00	+4	+4
20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+3
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+3
20203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.00	0	+4
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+9
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+10
20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
20304	P King	Aston Villa	0.25	0	0
20305	F Nelson	*Aston Villa*	3.00	-1	+4
20401	H Berg	Blackburn	3.00	-2	-4
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn	3.00	0	0
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn	3.00	-2	-4
20404	G Croft	Blackburn	1.50	0	0
20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	0	0
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+4
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	0	+14
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	0	+13
20603	T Phelan	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	0	+4
20701	D Burrows	*Coventry City*	1.50	0	-9
20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-5
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
20705	R Genaux	Coventry City	1.50	0	-2
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	+4	+1
20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0	-2
20803	J Kavanagh	Derby County	0.25	0	0
20804	P Parker	Derby County	1.00	0	0
20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	0
20902	M Perry	Dundee United	0.50	-2	-3
20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	0
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-1
21002	A Tod	Dunfermline	0.25	+2	+1
21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	0
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	-2	+1
21103	E Barrett	Everton	1.50	-1	+3
21104	M Jackson	Everton	1.00	0	0
21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	0
21202	N Pointon	Hearts	1.00	-5	-4
21301	W Miller	*Hibernian*	1.00	+4	+8
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+7
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	-2	-7
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	-1	-3
21502	A Dorigo	*Leeds United*	2.50	*0*	*0*
21503	P Beesley	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
21601	M Whitlow	Leicester City	0.50	-2	+4
21602	S Grayson	Leicester City	0.50	-2	+4
21603	N Lewis	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	0.25	0	0
21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	0
21702	S Harkness	*Liverpool*	1.50	0	0
21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	+4	+16
21704	P Charnock	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
21801	D Irwin	Manchester Utd	4.00	0	+9
21802	G Neville	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	+3
21803	P Neville	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	+3
21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	+1
21902	C Branco	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	0
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	0
21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	0	0
22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0	+2
22101	W Barton	*Newcastle Utd*	3.00	0	*0*
22102	S Watson	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	+1
22103	R Elliott	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	+1
22104	J Beresford	Newcastle Utd	2.50	0	-2
22201	S Pearce	Nottm Forest	4.00	-3	+1
22202	D Lyttle	Nottm Forest	2.00	-3	-3
22203	A I Haaland	Nottm Forest	1.00	-1	+6
22204	N Jerkan	Nottm Forest	2.00	0	+2
22301	P Bonar	Raith	0.75	0	-5
22302	D Kirkwood	Raith	0.50	0	-4
22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0	0
22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0	0
22501	I Nolan	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+3
22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+6
22503	S Nicol	Sheffield Wed	1.00	0	0
22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wed	1.00	0	+1
22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wed	0.50	0	0
22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	-1
22602	F Benali	Southampton	0.75	0	-6
22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0.75	0	-1
22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	0	+10
22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	0	+13
22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	-1	-1
22801	D Austin	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
22802	C Wilson	Tottenham	2.00	+4	+8
22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham	1.00	+3	+8
22804	D Kerslake	Tottenham	0.50	0	0
22901	J Dicks	West Ham	4.00	-2	0
22902	T Breacker	West Ham	1.00	0	0
22903	K Rowland	West Ham	1.00	0	-1
22904	M Bowen	West Ham	1.00	-1	-1
23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	+4	+7
23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23003	K Cunningham	*Wimbledon*	0.75	+4	+8
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23005	G Elkins	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	+4	+9

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30101	B Irvine	*Aberdeen*	2.00	0	+3
30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-1
30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	0	0
30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+4
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	0	+7
30204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.00	0	+5
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+13
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	-1	+12
30303	P McGrath	Aston Villa	2.50	0	0
30304	C Tiler	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	0
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn	4.00	-3	-5
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn	2.50	0	0
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn	2.50	-4	-7
30404	N Marker	Blackburn	0.50	0	0
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+4
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	+3	+3
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	0	+1
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	-2
30602	F Leboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	+3	+23
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	0	+10
30606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+13
30607	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
30701	L Daish	Coventry City	2.00	0	-6
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	-5
30703	D Busst	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
30801	I Stimac	Derby County	2.50	+3	0
30803	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	+4	+3
30804	M Carbon	Derby County	0.50	+1	+1
30901	S Pressley	Dundee United	1.00	-1	-1
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0	0
31002	I den Bleman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	+1
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	-2	+3
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+1
31103	C Short	*Everton*	2.00	+2	+2
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	-3	-2
31202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	-5	+1
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	+1	-4
31302	G Hunter	*Hibernian*	0.50	0	+5
30902	B Welsh	Hibernian	0.75	+4	+8
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	-2	-3
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	-3
31501	D Wetherall	Leeds United	2.50	-1	+1
31502	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.00	-1	0
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	0	-5
31504	J Pemberton	Leeds United	0.50	0	0
31601	S Walsh	Leicester City	1.00	-2	+2
31602	J Watts	Leicester City	1.00	-1	+5
31603	P Kamaark	Leicester City	0.50	0	0
31604	S Prior	*Leicester City*	1.00	0	+1
31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	+4	+16
31702	J Scales	Liverpool	3.50	0	0
31703	M Wright	Liverpool	3.50	+4	+12
31704	N Ruddock	*Liverpool*	3.00	0	0
31705	D Matteo	Liverpool	1.00	+4	+14
31801	G Pallister	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	+2
31802	D May	Manchester Utd	3.00	0	+6
31803	R Johnsen	Manchester Utd	2.50	0	+4
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-6
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	1.50	-1	+1
31903	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-1
31904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+3
32001	B Martin	Motherwell	1.50	0	+3
32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+7
32101	P Albert	Newcastle Utd	4.50	0	0
32102	S Howey	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	+2
32103	D Peacock	Newcastle Utd	3.00	0	0
32201	C Cooper	Nottm Forest	3.00	-3	0
32202	S Chettle	Nottm Forest	2.50	-3	0
32302	S Dennis	Raith	1.00	0	-9
32401	R Gough	Rangers	3.50	+4	+14
32402	A McLaren	Rangers	3.00	0	0
32403	J Bjorklund	*Rangers*	3.50	+1	+8
32501	J Newsome	Sheffield Wed	2.00	0	0
32502	D Walker	Sheffield Wed	1.50	0	+3
32503	B Linighan	Sheffield Wed	0.25	0	0
32601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	-1	-1
32602	A Neilson	Southampton	1.00	-1	-1
32603	R Dryden	Southampton	0.50	0	0
32604	C Lundekvam	Southampton	0.50	0	0
32701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	0	+10
32702	K Ball	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
32703	R Ord	Sunderland	0.50	-3	+10
32801	S Campbell	Tottenham	2.50	+4	+11
32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham	2.50	+4	+8
32803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham	2.00	0	0
32805	K Scott	Tottenham	0.50	0	0
32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham	0.50	0	0
32901	S Bilic	West Ham	2.50	-1	-3
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32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham	0.50	0	0
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33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	0	0
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	+4	+9
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MIDFIELDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	+2	+11
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	+1	+7
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	0
40104	I Kiriakov	*Aberdeen*	2.50	+2	+5
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	+2	+5
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	0	+1
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	0	+11
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+7
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40206	D Hillier	*Arsenal*	0.50	0	0
40207	E McGoldrick	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	0	0
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	0
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	+1	+9
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	+2	+9
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+4
40304	G Farrelly	*Aston Villa*	1.00	0	0
40305	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	+1	+4
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn	4.00	0	0
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn	3.50	+1	+5
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn	2.50	0	+2
40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn	2.50	0	0
40405	T Sherwood	*Blackburn*	2.50	+2	+5
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn	1.50	0	+3
40407	G Donis	Blackburn	1.50	+2	+6
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn	1.00	+1	+4
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn	0.75	0	0
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	0
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	+1	+10
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	0	+2
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	+1	+5
40505	P di Canio	Celtic	3.00	+1	+4
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	0
40602	D Wise	Chelsea	3.00	+1	+9
40603	G Peacock	Chelsea	2.50	0	0
40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	+1	+8
40605	E Newton	Chelsea	2.00	0	0
40607	D Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
40608	R di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00	0	+10
40701	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	+3	+8
40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	0	+4
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+2
40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	+1	+4
40705	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	0	+2
40706	M Isaias	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
40707	W Boland	Coventry City	0.25	*0*	*0*
40708	M O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
41501	G McAllister	Coventry City	5.50	+1	+7
40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	+5	+9
40802	P Simpson	Derby County	1.50	0	+2
40803	R van der Laan	Derby County	1.50	+2	+2
40804	D Powell	Derby County	1.00	+2	+4
40805	S Flynn	Derby County	0.75	+2	+3
40807	G Rowett	Derby County	0.50	+3	+6
40809	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	+3	+8
40901	G McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00	+3	+5
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40904	D Bowman	Dundee United	0.75	+1	-1
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41001	H French	*Dunfermline*	1.00	+1	+4
41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	+1	+5
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	+4	+7
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	+2	+6
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41104	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	+1	+7
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41106	T Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+3
41107	V Samways	Everton	0.50	0	0
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	0	+1
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	0	+2
41301	K McAllister	Hibernian	1.50	0	+7
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	0	0
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	0
41304	A Millen	Hibernian	0.50	+2	+7
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	0	+1
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	+1	+4
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	+1	+2
41403	M Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	0
41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+2
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41503	A Gray	*Leeds United*	2.50	+1	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	+1	+7
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	+1	+3
41506	I Harte	Leeds United	1.00	+1	+11
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41508	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	+3	+4
41509	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+2
41805	L Sharpe	Leeds United	3.50	0	+9
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40606	M Izzet	Leicester City	1.00	+1	+7
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41705	M Thomas	Liverpool	2.50	+4	+11
41706	M Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
41707	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	+5	+5
41801	R Giggs	Manchester Utd	7.00	+3	+7
41802	R Keane	Manchester Utd	4.50	0	+2
41803	D Beckham	Manchester Utd	4.00	+1	+11
41804	N Butt	Manchester Utd	3.50	0	+4
41806	B McClair	Manchester Utd	1.50	+1	+2
41807	T Cooke	Manchester Utd	1.00	0	0
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41811	K Poborsky	Manchester Utd	4.00	+1	+6
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42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0	+5
42703	A Rae	*Sunderland*	1.50	0	0
42704	P Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75	+1	+9
42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00	0	0
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42803	D Howells	Tottenham	2.00	+1	+7
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42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham	1.50	0	+1
42807	G McMahon	Tottenham	0.50	0	0
42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham	2.50	+2	+3
42901	P Futre	*West Ham*	3.50	0	+4
42902	I Bishop	West Ham	2.00	0	0
42903	M Hughes	West Ham	2.00	+1	+10
42904	D Williamson	West Ham	1.50	+1	+7
42905	J Moncur	West Ham	1.50	0	0
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43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	+2	+13
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+2
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	+2	+10
43004	V Jones	Wimbledon	1.50	+2	+5
43005	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50	+2	+10
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50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00	0	+8
50203	J Hartson	Arsenal	3.50	0	+3
50205	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	+1	+5
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	0	+6
50303	T Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00	-1	+6
50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+4
50402	K Gallacher	Blackburn	3.00	+1	+4
50404	C Sutton	*Blackburn*	2.50	+6	+6
50405	G Fenton	Blackburn	2.50	+1	+3
50406	N Gudmundsson	Blackburn	1.00	0	0
50501	P van Hooijdonk	Celtic	7.00	+3	+9
50502	J Cadete	*Celtic*	6.00	+1	+9
50601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	+1	+10
50602	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	+1	+4
50603	J Spencer	Chelsea	4.00	0	0
50605	M Stein	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
50701	N Whelan	Coventry City	6.00	+3	+6
50702	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	+1	+5
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NEWS

Missing bishop steps down

■ A new crisis over celibacy threatened the stability of the Roman Catholic Church after the resignation of the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, who is believed to be in hiding with the woman he loves.

The Right Rev Roderick Wright quit during an emotional meeting with the leader of Scotland's Roman Catholics, who told him he could remain a priest only if he gave up his longstanding friendship with Kathleen Macphee .....**Page 1**

Tories accuse 'aggressive' Anna Ford

■ The Conservative Party accused Anna Ford, the *Today* programme presenter, of "a disgraceful lapse from impartiality" in an interview with Kenneth Clarke, which the Chancellor terminated, and lodged a complaint with the BBC alleging she had been "aggressive" and "extremely rude".....**Page 1**

Beef ultimatum

The Florence deal to end the British beef ban seemed shakier than ever after EU ministers told Britain it must stick to a widescale slaughter programme ..... **Page 1**

Ashdown attack

Paddy Ashdown today delivers his strongest criticism of the way the European Union operates in a move that will be seen as responding to growing fears that his party's pro-Europeanism may deter voters.....**Page 1**

Prince's task

The Prince of Wales will take over an increasing number of official duties from the Queen, now 70, but he faces life without Camilla Parker Bowles in any of his public roles .....**Page 2**

Horses killed

Four racehorses were killed after a suspected arson attack on the stables of one of Britain's top trainers swept through an indoor riding barn.....**Page 3**

Rapist gets life

A multiple rapist, twice released from prison only to attack women again, was jailed for life with the recommendation that he serve at least 20 years.....**Page 3**

No tales told

Government plans to identify and deal with incompetent teachers are backfiring because inspectors are reluctant to "point the finger", head teachers say.....**Page 4**

Church horrors

Freemasonry and watching horror films are among the list of "sins" Church of England recruits will be encouraged to avoid .....**Page 5**

Cancer fear

Women with breast cancer who are referred for specialist treatment are being misled about the experience of some surgeons, a report disclosed.....**Page 6**

Homes plan

Labour leaders are drawing up plans for a mixed state and private sector mortgage insurance scheme to protect homeowners from repossession.....**Page 8**

Chechen return

Russia's security chief, General Aleksandr Lebed, will today attempt to salvage his stalled peace initiative when he returns to Chechenia amid growing fears of a new round of conflict ....**Page 9**

Space 'rescue'

The US space shuttle *Atlantis* blasted off to bring home the record-breaking woman astronaut Shannon Lucid, who has spent the past six months on Russia's Mir space station.... **Page 10**

Child slaves

Tens of thousands of pre-teen girls are being kept as unpaid servants and sex slaves by west African voodoo priests to atone for family sins against traditional gods and spirits .....**Page 11**

Scouts prepare for twentieth century

■ Scouts are to get a new badge to sew on their uniforms alongside those for tying knots and campfire cookery — one to mark their prowess at public relations. The PR skills proficiency badge features a symbollic mobile telephone, a piece of equipment likely to rank alongside a trusty penknife and woggle as essential scouting kit.....**Page 1**

LAURENT REBOURS/AP



US tank crewmen with the First Cavalry Division play a waiting game yesterday in the Kuwaiti desert, near Iraq. **Page 10**

BUSINESS

Bank of England: Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said the City of London will thrive whether Britain joins a single European currency or not. "There is no doubt that, provided people are prepared, as we will be, the opportunities far outweigh the risks whether Britain is in or out," he said .....**Page 25**

Dalgety: The BSE crisis cost Dalgety, the petfood giant that makes Spillers and Felix, more than £15 million last year.....**Page 25**

Markets: The FTSE 100 share index rose 9.3 to 3,977.2. On the foreign exchange the pound rose .25 cents to $1.5568 but fell .14 pfennigs to DM2.3498. The sterling index closed at 86.1, down from 86.2 on Friday .....**Page 28**

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Football: Stewart Houston, the former Arsenal assistant manager, was appointed manager of Queens Park Rangers. Arsène Wenger becomes Arsenal's manager on September 30.....**Page 48**

Cricket: A spectacular collapse by Hampshire, in which they lost eight wickets for seven runs, left Kent with an improved chance of wresting the county championship from Leicestershire.... **Pages 46, 48**

Racing: John Gosden, a leading trainer, says the well-intended whip rules have a serious flaw that will continue making a mockery of racing.....**Page 44**

Rugby union: English clubs have given a verbal assurance that they will take part in the Heineken European Cup.....**Page 45**

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Loudly flows the Don: Brash, hard-driven conducting marred Welsh National Opera's new *Don Giovanni* — a pity, because the staging by the young director Katie Mitchell was superb .....**Page 33**

Bridgewater verdict: The main problem with the Hallé Orchestra's new Manchester home, the Bridgewater Hall, appears to be a lack of aural immediacy in the balcony seats .....**Page 33**

House party: The Tate Gallery in Liverpool has mounted a retrospective devoted to Rachel Whiteread, who came to fame with her *House* in east London .....**Page 34**

Faust at length: Running six hours, the Royal Shakespeare Company's staging of Goethe's *Faust* is not for the impatient .....**Page 35**

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Life after MI5: "Now that I have emerged blinking into the daylight, things seem better than I remember them." Stella Rimington, MI5's former Director-General, writes of her new life.....**Page 15**

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Euro fears: Lawyers fear the City of London may lose out if European monetary union goes ahead without UK participation .....**Page 39**

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Hailed often as the least bad solution, the elections in Bosnia seem above all to be the culmination of rough diplomacy, the timetable for normalisation agreed at Dayton could not tolerate any delay ... Neither this hurry nor the little attention paid to the principles of freedom of movement or press freedom will help to resolve the difficulties in Bosnia — *Le Monde*



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Iain R. Webb on what Donna Karan's new store in London will mean for British men

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Restless regions

Italy has not for some time been a political trendsetter for Europe; but other governments may still have to reckon with Bossis of their own .....**Page 17**

Doleful politics

It is an unfortunate fact for Mr Dole that shrewder tactics might not save him at this point. But that does not mean that Republicans should jettison or neglect arguments which served them so well just two years ago.....**Page 17**

Into the gap

A gap year is not a vacant year; the time between childhood and adult responsibility should be a mind-broadening transition.....**Page 17**

COLUMNS

PETER RIDDELL
Tony made Labour seem a solid investment choice for a fashionable ethical fund. There was no hint of recent rumblings over Labour's relations with the unions and socialism.....**Page 2**

LIBBY PURVES
There is something irresistibly exhilarating in the sight of Tony Blair's henchmen spring-cleaning fusty old union cupboards, shaking out 50 years of rancid fluff, and putting Roy Hattersley out for the binmen.....**Page 16**

WOODROW WYATT
Tony Blair is publicly cutting the links, and tells us he is not a socialist but a social democrat. Bold stuff — but I don't think he'll get away with it. However it is dressed up, unions still pay more than half of Labour's central and local expenses.....**Page 16**

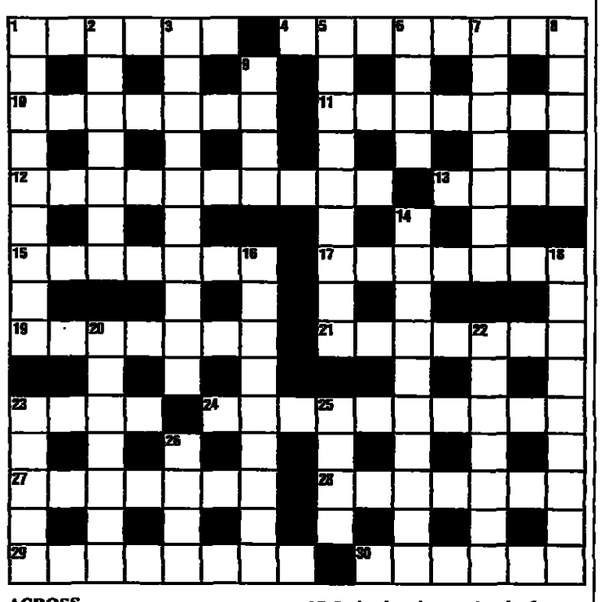
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ACROSS

1 Use strap to put across six – lay it on thick! (6).
4 One comic made funny commercial (8).
10 Fellow on beat making contact, at some point (7).
11 It's involved in snort (one side) (7).
12 Fair play in a fight after first part of it (10).
13 He may have pride in being a celebrity (4).
15 Like Peeping Tom looking round, taking shelter at the start (7).
17 Port where some Orangemen live? (7).
19 Why, say, overhead cover is showing a gap (7).
21 Formulates and writes out, and puts in order (5,2).
23 Publication, one for wise long-distance travellers (4).
24 Castle having powerful influence in combination (10).
27 Reduction in overheads for religious order? (7).
28 Earpiece that's given trouble returned to plant (7).
29 Leader of horde with no weapons is not a threat (8).
30 Bumble bee circling frantic lad (6).

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1 Fired a lot of shots without point? Exactly so! (9).
2 Hazard from discharge to river (7).
3 Rate capping on the way? (5,5).
5 Escorted prisoner taken by tube (9).
6 Comfortable home in Vine Street (4).
7 Skill one needs to put into short drink (7).
8 He may make money, about a pound (5).
9 Attempt to make crazy climb (4).
14 Out of touch with Latin, begin afresh (10).
16 Dynamic people needing leave to obtain rest in resort (2-7).
18 Deny celebrity's holding up help (9).
20 Chance to engage working driver (7).
22 Animal loaded into transport looked angry (7).
23 Striker from union (5).
25 The Italian contribution in monumental art (4).
26 Seek satisfaction with a second helping (4).

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.39 am — Sun sets: 7.10 pm

Moon sets 9.17 pm — Moon rises 11.27 am

First quarter September 20

London 7.10 pm to 6.41 am
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Edinburgh 7.25 pm to 6.51 am
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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales should be mainly dry and sunny. However, the extreme South West may be rather cloudy, with perhaps some light rain. It will be breezy everywhere, rather warm in some western parts. Scotland and Northern Ireland should be mostly dry with some long sunny periods. Western Northern Ireland may become rather cloudy.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E England:** dry with sunny spells. Wind east to southeasterly, fresh. Max 17-19C (63-66F).

☐ **Central S England, Midlands, Channel Isles, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, Borders, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland:** dry with long sunny periods. Wind southeasterly, moderate to fresh locally strong. Max 18-20C (64-68F).

☐ **SW England, N Ireland:** rather cloudy at times with perhaps some patchy light rain in the extreme west. Wind southeasterly, fresh to strong. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **NE England, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** dry with sunny spells. Wind east to southeasterly, mostly fresh. Max 15-17C (59-63F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** dry with sunny spells. Wind southeasterly, fresh to strong. Max 13-15C (55-59F).

☐ **Outlook:** some showers on eastern coasts, otherwise mostly sunny.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	11.0	-	18	64	s	London	11.0	-	21	70	s
Anglesey	11.7	-	22	72	s	Lowestoft	10.3	-	19	66	s
Belfast	10.5	-	19	66	s	Manchester	11.3	-	22	72	s
Birmingham	11.0	-	23	73	s	Margate	10.5	-	19	66	s
Bournem'th	10.9	-	20	68	s	Minehead	11.2	-	21	70	s
Bristol	10.9	-	22	72	s	Morecambe	11.2	-	22	72	s
Buxton	10.8	-	19	66	s	Newcastle	10.5	-	21	70	s
Cardiff	9.9	-	20	68	s	Norwich	9.1	-	22	72	s
Clacton	11.6	-	15	59	s	Oxford	11.9	-	22	72	s
Colwyn Bay	10.4	-	24	75	s	Penzance	X	-	19	66	s
Cromer	10.7	-	19	66	s	Prestatyn	X	-	23	73	s
Dunbar	10.7	-	21	70	s	Ross-o-wye	10.6	-	22	72	s
Edinburgh	10.4	-	24	75	s	Ryde	10.6	-	19	66	s
Eskdalemuir	10.6	-	20	68	s	Salcombe	10.7	-	18	64	s
Exmouth	10.6	-	19	66	s	Sandown	10.8	-	18	64	s
Falmouth	10.6	-	18	64	s	Saunton Snd	10.8	-	22	72	s
Fishguard	10.9	-	21	70	s	Scarboro'	10.1	-	19	66	s
Glasgow	9.9	-	22	72	s	Shrewsbury	10.5	-	22	72	s
Guernsey	10.6	-	21	70	s	Skegness	10.5	-	19	66	s
Hayling I.	10.4	-	19	66	s	Southend	6.5	-	18	64	s
Herne Bay	11.2	-	19	66	s	Southport	10.7	-	22	72	s
Hove	9.6	-	19	66	s	Southsea	10.5	-	19	66	s
Hunstanton	9.8	-	21	70	s	Stornoway	9.5	-	17	63	s
Isle of Man	10.8	-	18	64	s	Teignmouth	11.1	-	18	64	s
Jersey	11.1	-	22	72	s	Tenby	9.4	-	19	66	s
Kinloss	10.4	-	22	72	s	Tiree	9.3	-	17	63	s
Leeds	10.6	-	23	73	s	Torquay	11.4	-	19	66	s
Lerwick	2.7	-	14	57	c	Ventnor	11.1	-	21	70	s
Leuchars	9.5	-	17	63	s	West-s-mare	10.4	-	21	70	s
Littlehmptn	10.5	-	19	66	s	Weymouth	11.8	-	19	66	s

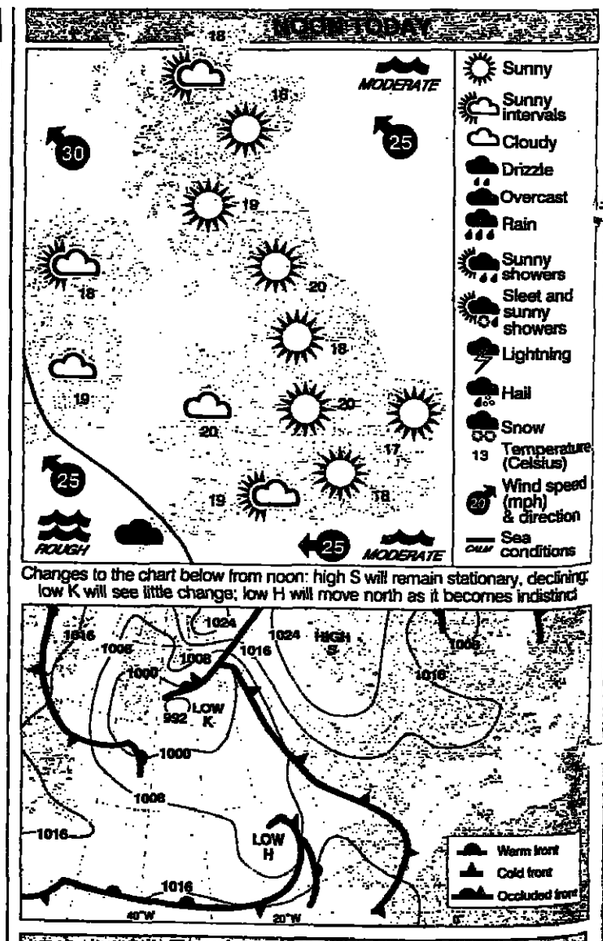
ABROAD

Ajaccio	22	72	s	Corfu	24	75	s	Majorca	25	77	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	C'phagn	15	59	f	Malaga	24	75	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dublin	17	63	f	Malta	27	81	s
Algiers	26	79	s	Dubrovnik	20	68	s	Melb'rne	19	66	s
Amst'dm	16	61	c	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	X		
Athens	28	82	s	Florence	33	73	s	Miami	32	90	s
B Aires	10	50	r	Frankfurt	15	59	c	Milan	22	72	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Funchal	25	77	s	Montreal	14	57	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Geneva	17	63	s	Moscow	13	55	c
Barbados	29	84	c	Gibraltar	25	77	s	Munich	11	52	c
Barcelona	22	72	s	Helsinki	12	54	f	N Delhi	32	90	s
Beirut	28	84	s	Hong K	28	79	sh	N York	23	73	s
Belgrade	17	63	f	Innsbruck	15	59	f	Nairobi	29	84	c
Berlin	14	57	f	Istanbul	19	66	f	Naples	24	75	f
Bermuda	27	81	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	22	72	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Oslo	15	59	s
Berda's	20	68	s	L Angels	21	70	c	Paris	18	64	f
Brussels	16	61	c	L Palmas	26	79	s	Peking	24	75	c
Budapst	12	54	f	Le Touqet	18	64	f	Perth	19	66	r
Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	21	70	c	Prague	12	54	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Locarno	20	68	s	Reykjavik	13	55	d
Ch'church	14	57	X	Luxembg	15	59	c	Rhodes	28	79	s
Chicago	17	63	s	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	14	57	f	Madrid	22	72	s	Riyadh	39	102	s

Majorca	25	77	s	Rome	23	73	s	Tangier	22	72	s
Malaga	24	75	s	S Fr'sco	19	66	c	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Malta	27	81	s	S Paulo	25	77	c	Tenerife	24	75	c
Melb'rne	19	66	s	Salzburg	9	48	r	Tokyo	26	77	c
Mexico C	X			Santiago	28	79	s	Toronto	19	66	c
Miami	32	90	s	Seoul	30	86	s	Tunis	28	79	s
Milan	22	72	s	Sing'por	29	84	r	Valencia	27	81	s
Montreal	14	57	f	Stkholm	13	55	c	Vanc'ver	13	55	r
Moscow	13	55	c	Strasb'rg	15	59	c	Venice	21	70	f
Munich	11	52	c	Sydney	23	73	s	Vienna	16	61	f
N Delhi	32	90	s	Tangier	22	72	s	Warsaw	11	52	f
N York	23	73	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	s	Wash'ton	24	75	s
Nairobi	29	84	c	Tenerife	24	75	c	Wel'ngton	15	59	X
Naples	24	75	f	Tokyo	26	77	c	Zurich	15	59	s
Nice	22	72	s	Toronto	19	66	c				
Oslo	15	59	s	Tunis	28	79	s				
Paris	18	64	f	Valencia	27	81	s				
Peking	24	75	c	Vanc'ver	13	55	r				
Perth	19	66	r	Venice	21	70	f				
Prague	12	54	f	Vienna	16	61	f				
Reykjavik	13	55	d	Warsaw	11	52	f				
Rhodes	28	79	s	Wash'ton	24	75	s				
Rio de J	25	77	f	Wel'ngton	15	59	X				
Riyadh	39	102	s	Zurich	15	59	s				

Temperatures at midday local time Sunday. X = not available

NOW TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high S will remain stationary, declining; low K will see little change; low H will move north as it becomes indistinct

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4:13	7.0	4.24	6.8	Leith	4:57	5.4	5:20	5.2
Aberdeen	3:34	4.2	4:03	4.0	Liverpool	1:17	9.0	1.39	8.9
Avonmouth	9:29	12.3	9:44	12.4	Lowestoft	11:49	2.6	-	-
Belfast	1:05	3.6	1:22	3.4	Margate	1:58	4.6	2:14	4.6
Cardiff	9:18	11.7	9.33	11.8	Milford Haven	8:26	6.8	8:42	6.6
Devonport	8:08	5.1	8:19	5.1	Newquay	7:19	6.8	7.38	6.7
Dover	0:51	6.6	1:11	6.6	Oban	7:50	3.7	7:59	3.7
Dublin (N Wall)	1:38	4.0	2:03	3.9	Penzance	6:44	5.2	6:58	5.2
Falmouth	7:09	5.0	7:28	5.0	Portland	9:01	1.9	9:15	1.8
Greenock	2:40	3.5	3:07	3.3	Portsmouth	1:22	4.6	1:42	4.5
Harwich	1:49	3.9	2:00	3.9	Shoreham	1:08	6.0	1:28	6.0
Holyhead	0:19	5.4	12:43	5.3	Southampton	0:46	4.5	1:04	4.5
Hull (Albert D)	8:30	7.3	8:54	7.1	Swansea	8:33	8.9	8.44	8.9
Ilfracombe	8:11	8.9	8.23	8.9	Tees	5:54	5.1	6:22	5.0
King's Lynn	-	-	8.55	6.5	Walton-on-Naze	1:51	4.1	2:09	4.1

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Colwyn Bay, North Wales, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: no measurable amount; highest sunshine: Shanklin, Isle of Wight, 12.1h.

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